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## Cash call launched to battle turbines

A FUNDRAISING appeal has been launched by campaigners battling against plans for windfarms in Mid Wales.

Members of the Montgomeryshire Against Pylons (MAP) group said the money raised will help pay for expert witnesses to attend a public inquiry in the summer into the building of windfarms in the region.

The inquiry into proposed windfarms at Llanbadarn Fynydd, Llaithydd, Llandinam, Llanbrynmair and Carnedd Wen in Mid Wales will take place in June.

Members of MAP say the decision of the public inquiry will be key to whether a series of pylons are built through the Mid Wales and Shropshire countryside to take the power generated from the turbines to the national electricity network.

MAP chairman Jonathon Wilkinson said: "The money raised will go towards getting expert witnesses to speak on our behalf at the public inquiry on what impact these turbines will have on the area and its tourism. We will need to raise a lot of money."

He added that an update on the battle against windfarms and pylons will be given at a public meeting at Bwlch-y-Cibau Village Hall tomorrow, Friday at 7pm where Montgomeryshire MP Glyn Davies has been invited to speak.

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## Record sales for Wynnstay

AGRICULTURAL group Wynnstay this week hailed record sales and profits as an expansion drive during 2012 saw its results soar to almost £8 million thanks to an expansion in Shropshire.

The Llansantffraid-based firm announced a nine per cent growth in revenue to £375.7 million today, boosting pre-tax profit by 13 per cent to £7.8 million.

The growth was helped by new revenue from the Grainlink arm of the company at Astley, Shrewsbury.

# MUSIC FESTIVAL TO GO UNDER COVER

A MUSIC festival which attracts some of the biggest names in the industry to Oswestry is going under cover for the first time in a bid to avoid downpours - and also has a new name.

OsFest has been renamed as OsFest Break for the Border 2013 and organisers will set up a big top over the main stage at Oswestry Showground at Park Hall for this year's event, which will be held from May 24 to 27.

It comes after last year's event was hit by heavy rain which turned parts of the showground into a mudbath for the 5,000 revellers who attended to see acts such as Razorlight and Hard-Fi.

by Graham Breeze

## Cricket club pavilion to host events

OSWESTRY Cricket Club will expand its award-winning clubhouse to allow weddings and other functions to be held on matchdays.

The club pavilion, built seven years ago, has become a popular venue for community and private events. Its success is behind proposals for an additional function room to be built.

Work on the extension at the club's Morda Road headquarters is expected to begin shortly after planning permission and the necessary funding were secured.

Grants have been obtained from Shropshire Council and Oswestry Town Council, with fundraising by members making up the difference.

Club secretary Hugh Roberts said: "The main function room in the clubhouse has become a major community facility for the people of Oswestry and district, and is booked regularly by all sorts of organisations."

"The new bar, which will cater for 50 people, means we will now be able to hire out the main room even when we are staging cricket matches on summer weekends."

The club, which is available to hire for functions of up to 120 people, now has a full wedding licence. Any inquiries can be made to Mr Roberts on 07971 963016.

Carly Jackson, event director, said the festival had almost been washed out last year and said organisers had felt bringing in the 45x60metre cover for the main stage was necessary and would accommodate 5,000 people.

She said she still expected the event to be a sell-out.

Organisers are working on securing acts for this year's event and hope to make an announcement on February 1 relating to one of the headline acts.

Ms Jackson said: "After nearly getting washed out in 2012, OsFest Break For The Border 2013 will be the first under cover festival of the year."

"This year the main stage will be indoors under a massive big top."

### Costs

And organisers say the big top decision is also helping keep costs down as a cheaper alternative to the structures they had to build last year.

"The line-up is coming together very nicely and we will have some fantastic announcements to make on February 1."

"With only 5,000 tickets to sell, this year will undoubtedly be a sell out."

This year there will be just 800 early buy tickets for the festival.

Early buy tickets will be on sale until midnight on February 15.

Ms Jackson said: "When they are gone they are gone, so don't miss out."

Early buy tickets are £59.50 for the whole weekend.

Standard price tickets will follow the early buy scheme and will cost £69.50.

Tickets for under-16s are £55 under the early buy system and will go up to £59.50.

For more information about the event or to buy tickets call (01691) 680468 or visit [www.osfest.co.uk](http://www.osfest.co.uk)

## Lianne's taking a leap



Lianne Young is being sponsored by Cartridge World for her parachute jump. She is pictured with managing director Nigel Passant. Picture: Peter Flemmich.

A LEGAL secretary with her eye on a national beauty title is taking to the skies to raise money for charity.

Lianne Young, who works at Robert Mann Solicitors in Oswestry and is the current Miss North Shropshire Galaxy, is planning a parachute jump for Kidney Research UK.

The 21-year-old, from Rhosygadfa near Gobowen, has a special reason for raising money for the charity having recently recovered from a serious illness which required surgery to remove a kidney.

She said: "I am doing the skydive on February 9 at Tilstock Airport, Whitchurch."

"This is a very personal charity for me and I would love for everyone's help and support in raising money to back the charity's amazing work."

"I'm terrified but at the same time looking forward to the jump. I was so ill that I didn't know what the future held for me but thanks to the support and medical treatment I received I've been able to recover."

Lianne, who hopes to qualify for the national Miss Galaxy finals, is being backed by Cartridge World of Oswestry and others can donate at [www.kidneyresearchuk.org/lianneyoung](http://www.kidneyresearchuk.org/lianneyoung)

## Cyclists in campaign for 20mph town zone

CYCLISTS are calling for Oswestry town centre to become a blanket 20mph zone.

Members of Velo-os plan to start promoting the 20s Plenty for Us campaign in Oswestry to stop motorists travelling too fast on town centre roads.

20's Plenty for Us is a national organisation which wants speed limited in all areas across the country.

Tim Rutherford, from the town cycle group, said there was a number of people in the town who supported the idea.

Mr Rutherford said he now wants to promote the campaign by creating posters and urging people to sign a petition which are available at Stuart Barkley Cycles, Honeysuckle Wholefoods and Cafe Radio.

Mr Rutherford said the topic needed to be discussed.

"It needs thinking about," he said. "I think now is quite a good time to push and promote it. I would love to see it. It would make the place a lot safer and send the message to other users. I think we will really get behind it."

"We need to dispel any of the myths around it. You don't need speed humps to make it enforceable."

"The safety aspect cannot be denied," he added.

## Tribunal to rule on death

A TRIBUNAL is expected to decide tomorrow whether a surgeon from Oswestry failed to provide good clinical care to a patient who died during surgery.

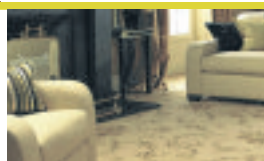
Luigi Belcuore, 43, from Warwickshire died during a keyhole surgery knee operation when air entered his body in October 2009.

Professor James Richardson is alleged to have made modifications to a device used in the operation and failed to gain permission from the patient. It is also alleged his actions increased the risk of air embolism. The Medical Practitioners Tribunal Service panel is due to rule on the matter.

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# Pylons scheme moving closer as surveys begin

by **Graham Breeze**

**CONTROVERSIAL** plans to install power lines across Shropshire and Mid Wales, feeding energy from wind farms into the National Grid, have moved a step closer.

Farmers along the proposed route of the 400,000-volt line are being asked to clarify what land they own so surveys can be completed before construction work starts. Letters from the Grid are landing on doorsteps.

## Snow cover on national trails during ramble day

MEMBERS of the Oswestry Ramblers group went on a five-and-a-half-mile walk using national trails.

With a covering of snow on frozen ground, the group, led by Peter Carr, started at Four Crosses and made their way along Offa's Dyke to join the Severn Way, heading west to cross the A483 and returning to Four Crosses along the Montgomery Canal towpath.

On Sunday it was a snowy walk led by Gwen Birch from Ellesmere to Welshampton across fields returning along the Llangollen canal towpath.

Today, Thursday, there will be a six-mile walk at Lyth Hill Country Park along Shropshire Way and back via Stapleton using good paths and lanes. Meet at Lloyd Street car park in Oswestry in good time for a 10am departure.

On Sunday there will be a seven-and-a-half mile walk around Llanyblodwel, The Moelydd, Nantmawr Quarry and Porthywaen.

Meet at Oswestry's Central Car Park in good time for a 10am departure.

The power giant wants the line to run from a new sub-station at Cefn Coch, near Llanfair Caereinion, to Lower Frankton, near Oswestry. It would transfer power from Mid Wales wind-farms to the national electricity network in Shropshire.

An announcement is expected this year outlining which parts of the power line will be buried underground and which will be carried overhead on pylons.

A spokesman for the National Grid said: "Since we announced the route corridor and substation siting area to provide a connection for new wind farms in Mid Wales, we have been doing a number of things to help further develop the proposals.

"Bruton Knowles, the land agents acting on our behalf, have been making contact with people with a legal interest in land in the route corridor.

"They have been asking people to confirm details of their land ownership and rights and seeking their agreement to allow our ecologists and surveyors access to undertake a variety of surveys."

Michael Watney, from property agents Balfours, claimed there was as yet no legal obligation on farmers to sign any paperwork concerning their land.

He said: "It is optional whether you co-operate with them or not."

## Shopping helpers are needed



Michelle Kelsall, transport supervisor at the Qube, is on the lookout for a volunteer for its shopping service. *Picture: Peter Flemmich*

HOUSEBOUND people in Oswestry could be left without their essentials if a volunteer cannot be found for a shopping service.

Qube, based in Oswald Road, has run the service for the last five years to provide the vital facility for people unable to leave their homes.

The volunteer scheme sees people ringing Qube with their shopping lists and a volunteer then goes out shopping for them. They then deliver the items straight to their door using the Qube Dial-a-ride service.

A volunteer is needed now to work for the service on Wednesdays from 10am-3pm.

Anyone interested will have to take shopping orders over the phone, go to the shops to buy the goods and then deliver the shopping with a Dial-a-ride driver.

Tonia Parry, from Qube, said: "Volunteer help is urgently needed to secure the Qube Shopping Service in Oswestry."

Michelle Kelsall, transport operations supervisor, said: "Anyone interested in this role should pop in for a chat, the service is really important to our customers and provides a vital link for them."

Training will be given. Call (01691) 656882 or email info@qube-oca.org.uk

## Oxbridge offers for students

STUDENTS at Moreton Hall School near Oswestry are celebrating after a number were offered Oxbridge places.

The students are now preparing to go to either Oxford or Cambridge after the summer.

One of this year's successful Oxbridge candidates, Miriam Chapman, said: "We've all worked so hard, as have all of the Upper Sixth. The additional, intense tuition given tirelessly by tutors was both inspiring and amazing. My offer is from Hertford College, Oxford, to read human sciences."

The Oxbridge successes are the icing on the cake for Moreton where over 70 per cent of student have received offers from their first choice of university, including Imperial College London, Durham, Exeter and Bristol.

## Woman in court on theft charge

A 44-YEAR-old woman from Welshpool has appeared in court charged with stealing more than £160 from her former partner's account.

Jennifer Ball, of Gallowstree Bank, Salop Road, is charged with the theft of £167.16 from Anthony Bowe's Santander account between December 29 and January 1.

Ball appeared at Welshpool Magistrates Court on Tuesday and the case was adjourned until February 5.

## Dates postponed

TWO meetings have been postponed due to snow. Two Place Plan sessions with residents and businesses in Rytton XI Towns on Tuesday were postponed due to the weather conditions. Steps are now being taken to reorganise the meetings for January 29 at St John The Baptist Primary School in the village.

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## Walk will raise cash as tribute to Martin

A TOUGH challenge to climb the three highest peaks in England, Scotland and Wales will be tackled by staff at a company in Oswestry, in memory of one of their colleagues.

Martin Thorpe, who lost his battle with cancer last year, aged 58, was part of the Rigby Thorpe Construction Consultancy and carried out sub-contracting work for the Pickstock group of companies.

Now colleagues at the Pickstock group have fundraising events planned in his name for Marie Curie Cancer Care.

They include a Three Peaks challenge over the weekend of June 1 and 2 when 22 members of the group, which includes Elements Europe, JRoss Developments Ltd and JR Pickstock Ltd will take on one of the toughest walking challenges in the country.

The walk will involve three mountains in three countries, beginning at Ben Nevis in Scotland before taking on Scafell Pike in the Lake District and finishing on Snowdon.

Mr Thorpe's widow, Katie, has welcomed the fundraising. She said: "The nurses do not just care for the patient, they give support to the family as well."

Minibuses for the walkers have been donated by Oswestry School.

## Jobs boost from new fuel station

A NEW fuel station has opened in Oswestry creating up to eight jobs.

The former BP garage, in Beatrice Street, was bought by nearby supermarket Morrisons last year and opened on Monday after a revamp. Frank Cromie, general manager, said there were plans to possibly add a car wash.

# Focus on ways to spend planning bonanza

MEMBERS of a Shropshire parish council have agreed how a planning cash pot potentially worth hundreds of thousands of pounds should be spent to improve their community.

Parish councillors in Gobowen say the money will be available from the Government's new Community Infrastructure Levy where developers could have to pay up to £8,000 to the community for every house they build.

Members of Selattyn and Gobowen Parish Council agreed at their latest meeting to set priorities on what the money should be spent on. Four main priorities were identified by the parish council.

They include a move to 'consolidate Gobowen's status as a main village through sustaining the range of commercial services provided and seeking to secure and enhance its importance as a key access point for road and rail' and to 'increase the provision of a

good mix of housing including provision of affordable housing'.

Other priorities include establishing Gobowen Pavilion and the nearby playing field as a 'focus for community cohesion' and encouraging the development of small business in the area.

Council clerk Penny O'Hagan said the parish council had also asked the public to send in their ideas before the meeting.

She said: "We did not get a huge response

from the public so we have taken that as the community saying they are happy with the priorities we have set.

"One other priority we have set is the installation of a zebra crossing in the village after we were approached by the public."

The council will now use the priorities to help decide what infrastructure improvements are made once the funding becomes available from developers through the Community Infrastructure Levy programme.

# Boy airlifted after head-on smash between car and van

AN EIGHT-year-old boy was airlifted to hospital with head injuries following a head-on smash on a busy Oswestry road.

The boy was flown to the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital following a collision between a blue Fiat Punto and a Ford Transit van at the junction of Shrewsbury Road and Maes-Y-Clawdd in Oswestry.

The crash happened at about 11.50am on Tuesday and the road was closed until 1pm as emergency services attended the scene.

The eight-year-old, who was travelling as a passenger in the van, was taken to the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital by air ambulance, while a woman in her 30s was treated for neck pain before being taken by land ambulance to the same hospital.

Shrewsbury Road was closed from the Mile End Roundabout and traffic heading into town was diverted.

Steve Parry, West Midlands Ambulance Service spokesman, said: "We sent an air ambulance from Cosford, one ambulance and a community paramedic."

"We treated an eight-year-old male, from the van, for head injuries and he was airlifted to Royal Shrewsbury Hospital."

"In the car was a female in her 30s who had neck pain so she was taken by ambulance to Royal Shrewsbury Hospital."

A spokeswoman for West Mercia Police said police officers assisted with the road closure and diverted traffic to and from the town centre, while also helping with the safety of the scene and the recovery of the vehicles involved.

A spokesman for Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service said one appliance was sent to the scene to make the vehicles safe and assist with first aid treatment.

He said: "One appliance from Oswestry was sent to the scene of a road traffic collision involving one pick-up truck and a private saloon car. Fire service personnel made both vehicles electrically safe and also assisted with first aid treatment."

The crew was stood down at 12.38pm.

The accident on the junction of Shrewsbury Road and Maes-Y-Clawdd in Oswestry.



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## NEWS

in brief

## Question time for county cricketers

IT'S QUESTION time again for the county's cricketers next month when the Shropshire Cricket Board stages its annual quiz.

This year's event will be staged on February 28, and will again be hosted by Oswestry Cricket Club. Proceeds will go to junior cricket development in Shropshire.

"It will be an evening of friendly competition and banter, ahead of the start of the season," said co-organiser Mike Robinson.

Entry fee is £15 a team, to include food at half-time. There will be 10 rounds: five of sport and five of general knowledge.

Any club interested in entering should call Mike Robinson on 07971 559657.

## Bed-pushers are needed at chapel

VOLUNTEER bed pushers are needed to help patients attend Sunday worship at Orthopaedic Orthopaedic Hospital.

Services are held on Sundays from 9.45am to 10.45am in the hospital chapel and Chaplain, Reverend Adrian Bailey, said a criminal records bureau check would be necessary.

Call 01691 4044249 for further details.

## Crews called to chimney blaze

FIREFIGHTERS were called to a chimney fire near Oswestry.

One engine went to Drenwydd, in Park Hall, on Tuesday at 10.43am. The crew used chimney rods and a thermal imaging camera. The fire was out by 11.24am.

## Car is damaged

THE wing mirrors of a car have been damaged in Oswestry. The silver Ford Fiesta was parked near the junction of York Street and Albert Road between 7.30am on January 19 and 11.30am on January 20.

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**NEWS**

# Pair face ultimate test in aid of cancer centre

## Action is urged on problem buildings

**ANDREW BIGGS and Ellen Harrison are putting their dedication to their work to the test later this year – by taking part in the London Marathon.**

The two members of staff from the Orthopaedic Hospital in Gobowen will be running in aid of the Oswestry Bone Cancer Centre Appeal to build a £2 million unit at the hospital.

They will join 29 other runners supporting the appeal.

Mr Biggs 42, has spent all his working life at the Orthopaedic and is now the manager of the Medical Illustration Department.

He began long distance running in 2010 with the Lake Vyrnwy half marathon.

He is now clocking up 30 miles a week, with his eldest son, Josh, 13, sometimes joining him for the final leg of his training runs.

### Rewarding

He said: "I try to get involved in one fundraising event every year and the opportunity this year to run for a vital work-based charity is highly rewarding."

"I also have a personal goal which is to run in it in less than four hours, a wager with a running friend, who has already run six London Marathons."

**by Sue Austin**

Mrs Harrison has worked at the hospital trust for 20 years, with the last six as Cancer Patient Pathway Co-ordinator in the Tumour Unit.

In 2011, with a colleague, she climbed Kilimanjaro for cancer charities. Her current challenge of the London Virgin Marathon comes 13 years since she last ran the London and Dublin marathons.

"I am pleased to be completing the marathon and as a new grandma this time. Training is going well – I am doing about eight hours a week, split between running and the gym. The cause is brilliant – to have a single unit for all our cancer patients will be especially useful for our younger adults."

To donate to the appeal look at the internet site: [www.justgiving.com/Oswestry-bone-cancer-centre](http://www.justgiving.com/Oswestry-bone-cancer-centre)



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## Road Racing Legends sell-out

AN event with some of Moto GP's biggest stars has sold out in less than 12 days.

Road Racing Legends will take place at Oswestry's The Wynnstay, in Church Street, on February 15. It is the eighth year the event has taken place raising thousands of pounds for charity.

This year the event will see Carl Fogarty,

the successful World Superbike racer, and Frianki Chili who raced in the Superbike World Championship.

Phil Morris, a spokesperson for the event said he was delighted that the tickets sold out so fast. More details of benefactors and sponsors can visit the website at [www.roadracinglegends.org](http://www.roadracinglegends.org)

COUNCILLORS and officials took part in a walk about around Oswestry's town centre to see how it could be improved.

Shropshire Councillor Martin Bennett, Shropshire Councillor Vince Hunt and members of Shropshire Housing Alliance walked around the town assessing its needs.

They have now sent letters out to shop landlords to try and encourage them to work with the councils keep premises tidy.

The walkabout was arranged after the Oswestry joint economic board secured £200,000 from an Empty Properties grant. There is also funding from the Market Town Initiative.

It is hoped the cash can be used to help pay for shop refits and refurbishments to reduce start-up costs for businesses and encourage young start-ups.

On their tour of the town officials highlighted Cross Street as an area which needs improving.

Councillor Bennett said a number of things were noted by the officials as they carried out their walk.

"If you raise your eyes above street level there are windows broken," he said. "There is also guttering that appears to be full of grass and weeds causing waters to drip onto passersby."

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## NEWS

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# Pair jailed for foiled break-in

by James Pugh

**TWO men were today behind bars after police foiled an attempted break-in at a house near Oswestry.**

Jonathan Lowe, aged 32, and David Nyari, 25, targeted a property in Osbaston but were snared in the act. Officers tracked the pair after being alerted to a 'reconnaissance' mission carried out in the days leading up to the flawed raid.

Lowe was jailed for four-and-a-half-years and disqualified from driving for five years, while Nyari was jailed for 38 months. Both men had previous convictions for burglary and committed the offence while they had been released from prison on licence, Shrewsbury Crown Court heard.



Jonathan Lowe



David Nyari

## Council using social media

A PARISH council is using social media for the first time to ensure councillors keep in touch with the public.

Selatyn and Gobowen Parish Council has set up a Facebook site on a trial basis to see if it helps improve communication with the public.

Parish clerk Penny O'Hagan said: "Members felt it was a good way to improve communication and it is something we have not tried before. There is not much on it at the moment but it will grow as we use it more."

Lowe, of no fixed address, and Nyari, of Brereton Road, Willenhall, West Midlands, admitted attempted burglary when they appeared at court this week. They had initially denied the offence, on July 23 last year.

Mr Nicholas Burn, prosecuting, said the police intervened and arrested the men before they could burgle the property.

"This was a planned and organised event which included reconnaissance, the selection of a rural target and the disabling and leaving behind of mobile phones which would have given a trace," he said. "On July 19 the defendant, Mr Lowe, was seen in the vicinity of the target premises."

Mr Danny Smith, for Lowe, said: "He came from a decent family. Sadly that was shattered when his mother died. Mr Lowe started to associate with criminal peers."

"He knows he needs to stop offending. He needs hope."

Mr Oliver Woolhouse, for Nyari, told the court his client was a relatively young man who could still have a good future ahead of him.

Recorder Thomas Rochford said: "It was a substantial property in the countryside. You expected it would provide rich pickings for you."

"There was a significant degree of planning involved in this offence."

## Looking for location of church



The Sagar family are keen to find the location of this church.



Inside the mystery church.

A CHIRK couple are keen to track down the identity of photographs of a rural church that have been in their family for nearly a century.

Alan and Ann Sagar, of Lodgevale, Chirk, say the framed photographs taken by J. Maclardy, of Oswestry, were passed down to them by a late uncle.

They had always believed the pictures to

be of Llangedwyn Church, which was close to the Mrs Sagar's family home. But their recent visit to the church proved their thoughts were wrong.

"The pictures have been in the family for well over 80 years," said Mrs Sagar.

Anyone who can identify the pictures should contact Graham Breeze at the Oswestry Chronicle on 01691 668094.

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# The misery and fun as area



Sledding fun in Llanymynech.

**HEAVY snow brought misery for many in Oswestry and Welshpool this week while others took full advantage to enjoy the conditions.**

Weekend snowstorms saw many minor roads closed while council workmen battled to keep main routes open, though there was good news for youngsters in the area with many schools across the region closed. People took advantage of the condi-

tions at the weekend to take their sledges onto the hills, make snowmen and enjoy snowball fights.

## Closures

Police issued warnings about driving conditions as snow turned to ice as

temperatures dropped and parents were advised to check Shropshire and Powys Council websites for news on school closures.

In Oswestry, a mother and her two children got stuck when their car became trapped in mud after they had

been sledding on Sunday. Firefighters were called to help the family, who became trapped behind the town's cemetery in Victoria Road just before at 3.15pm.

In Powys school transport was cancelled last Friday but was back to nor-

mal on Monday after the county council reviewed the weather forecast.

Refuse and recycling collections also resumed after they were suspended on Friday, which allowed the crews to be diverted to clean town centre pavements of snow and ice.



A winter scene at Trewern, near Welshpool.



Snow covered houses in Brookhouse Road, Oswestry.



Les Roberts from Oswestry Town Council clearing snow off the central Car park in Oswestry.



Kitty the dog playing in the snow in Oswestry.



Snow covered fields in Welshpool.



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# covered in a blanket of snow



Sledding on Shelf Bank in Oswestry is 10-year-old Joshua Hodgetts.



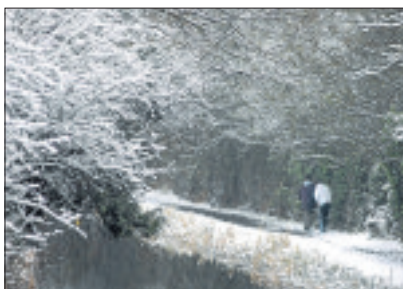
Sledding on Shelf Bank in Oswestry are Matthew Hodgetts and four year-old Alfie Bradley. Pictures: Simon Williams and Peter Flemmich.



In action on the slopes of Llanymynech are, front to back, Huw Evans, 10, and Liam Fenton, 13.



Country lanes near Welshpool.



A frosty scene on the Montgomery canal at Welshpool.



Sheep in the snow in Welshpool.

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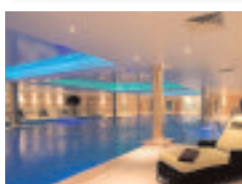
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# The snow's here and we slide to a standstill again

SO it has happened again. We get the first snow of the winter and the country slides to a horrible standstill.

Thousands failed to get to work, trains were cancelled, flights were grounded, schools closed, posties got a day off, our bins weren't emptied and shops were stripped bare as panic buying set in.

Why can't we cope? Why aren't we better prepared? I read an argument this week that if we knew we were going to get snow every year we would be as ready as countries such as Canada, Finland or Austria who manage to carry on normal lives in far worse conditions than this.

The government in Finland, for example, is able to tell people they have to fit special winter tyres from December to March because they know it's likely to stay bad for the whole of that time. In Canada, they invest millions in enormous ploughs and heavy snow-clearing gear, safe in the knowledge it will get used regularly. In Norway,

**BREEZE  
ABOUT  
TOWN**

with Graham Breeze



they even have heated pavements to keep them free of ice.

The government is now seeking information about changing weather patterns and if they should be better prepared for greater difficulties in future. Stockpiles of salt cost taxpayers' money and while most local authorities are keeping more in reserve than they used to there will always be fears about over-compensating. Spending on gritting lorries or snow diverts money from education budgets or hospital facilities.

So who has the answers? Is it worthwhile

putting expensive new measures in place when there's no guarantee of future heavy snow?

In the meantime we need to toughen up a little. In my youth most motorists were better prepared. Sets of chains were fitted to vehicles and we all made a bigger effort.

At the very least motorists should think about winter tyres while there is no excuse for airport closures when across the world other countries cope with heavier snow-falls.

A CYCLING group's call to cut the speed of motorists in Oswestry town centre is a great idea.

Members of Velo-os plan to start promoting the 20's Plenty for Us campaign in Oswestry to stop motorists travelling too fast on town centre roads.

The 20's Plenty for Us is a national organisation which wants speed limited in all areas across the country. I first came

across the scheme in Scotland a few years ago and thought then it was a great idea. Any idea to cut town centre speed gets my backing.

Dyfed-Powys Police recently announced a major clampdown on speeding youngsters who congregate on Berriew Street Car Park in Welshpool and then lap the town's new one-way system at high speed.

Well what happened to their threat to confiscate the vehicles of offenders? Anybody visiting Welshpool during the evening of most days of the week would soon see the streets are still being used as a racetrack.

It's time this stupid activity was stopped before there's a death.

WOULD somebody please tell the young ladies in the area that wearing high heels in the snow is not good for them.

The sight of them tottering along in their stilettos despite the depth of snow on the ground always gives me a laugh.

# Bid to re-brand market town with arty alphabet

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The logo for the alphabet project

by Graham Breeze

**HOW** would you sum up your town in just 26 words?

Plans for a unique alphabet for Oswestry are being drawn up to help creatively promote and celebrate the town.

Residents and visitors are being invited to help artists by thinking of words from A to Z which reflect the area.

The Alphabet for Oswestry project will then transform these words into a unique collection of artwork which will eventually form a series of posters, postcards and crafted objects to sell.

Five specially constructed, green ballot boxes have been built by the local craftsman Tim Rutherford and placed, with ballot cards, in Oswestry Library, Booka Bookshop and The Qube. There will be two more boxes which will move around the town in the coming months.

Bob Knowles, creative director for the



Chloe Wilson, 10, with her mum Lyndsie and Debbie Marais from Oswestry library with the alphabet ballot box.

project, said: "We should end up with a hat-full of Oswestrian images."

"By asking local artists to illustrate the most popular or inspiring suggestions we will ultimately produce something that is not only attractive but very personal to our town."

"We wanted to do something positive, something that celebrates Oswestry and the many things that are special about it."

People are asked to nominate places,

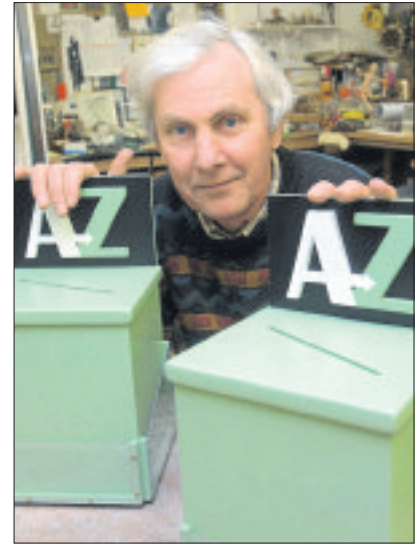
spaces, people and qualities associated with Oswestry for each letter of the alphabet, A to Z.

## Illustrated

Every letter will be illustrated by a local artist using the most popular suggestions.

A special A-Z Oswestry Logo has been designed by local printer Jessie Miller.

As well as using the ballot boxes people are invited to visit [www.oswestry21.com](http://www.oswestry21.com) to



Artist Bob Knowles working on the Alphabet for Oswestry Project.

keep up to date and submit suggestions online.

Members of the project are also contacting groups, clubs and schools to contribute their ideas for each letter of the alphabet too.

The Alphabet for Oswestry group is being helped out by the OS21 website but other organisations have also expressed an interest including the Civic Society, U3A, Shropshire Wildlife Trust and Footfall.

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**A:** Unfortunately there is no clear rule. It depends what the new company (NewCo) bought and if this includes liability for your contract, what is written in that contract. You need to find out what NewCo has acquired. Did it take over the old company (OldCo) in its entirety, including its assets and liabilities (e.g. existing contractual obligations such as yours)?

If your contract has a termination clause allowing OldCo to give notice, then NewCo can give notice. If there is no termination clause then NewCo will be bound to pay your retainer for the remaining five months. Even if NewCo didn't "buy" your contract, it may transfer automatically if there is a novation or an assignment clause. In the case of a novation clause things carry on as usual provided both parties agree. In the case of an assignment clause things only carry on as usual if NewCo agrees. Even if you rely on a novation or an assignment clause, NewCo could still fall back on a termination clause if one exists.

You must abide by whatever is stated in the contract and as a contractor, unlike an employee, you have no protection under employment law including the TUPE (Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations. With the current climate forcing more self-employment your question highlights the need to ensure the correct wording and understanding of business to business contracts and seek the advice of a reputable employment lawyer where appropriate.

Further information relating to this question is available from Nicholas Kennan, a Solicitor Advocate with GHP Legal. For information relating to any other legal matter please call GHP Legal on 01691 659194, visit [www.ghplegal.co.uk](http://www.ghplegal.co.uk) or attend one of our FREE legal diagnostic clinics every Wednesday 12-3pm (no appointment necessary).



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## LETTERS

## Who gets millions collected in fines?

NOW IT'S Severn Trent's turn to be fined. For pollution, apparently.

I suppose that's fair enough. Compensate those who have been polluted. Democracy and the law working in partnership. Splendid!

I hope I haven't got it wrong, because then the only remaining thing of which I can be sure is that my water bill will go up as a consequence of the fine.

The banks, too. Millions, if not billions, of pounds of fines for fiddling the exchange rate mechanism.

Can someone tell me where these fines go? Who or what is the beneficiary? The Commonwealth Games perhaps? A water pump or two in Africa or a squat in Tottenham?

Perhaps a special fund available to small businesses that have been unable to borrow from the banks?

Straight to the coffers in Brussels perhaps?

Maybe this fine procedure could be a way of dealing with the likes of Google, Amazon and Starbucks. Shouldn't be too difficult to find some rule they've broken (health and safety is always a good starting point) and dish out a lavish fine in lieu of tax. Maybe I'm just not astute enough to understand the mechanics of this jiggerypokery.

PETER SHARMAN  
Ardlelen

## Luddites on high horses

I SEE that once more we are treated to a few urban luddites being fired up into getting on to their pious high horses about modern agricultural advancement.

Unfortunately, the economies of scale rule.

No doubt our worthy objectors, probably most of whom have no idea of the area, will toddle off to their nearest supermarket and want to pay little more for their milk than they would for bottled water.

ROGER DIXON  
Montgomery

## Travel query

COULD the increase in rail fares indicate that travel costs are increasing? Should firms include the cost of travel in wages?

ALLAN TUCKER  
Oswestry

## Coalition's review was nonsense

THE coalition's 'Mid-Term Review' was nonsense! Smoke and mirrors, spin and deceit. Any elector with a working brain cell is aware we owe more now than we did when this coalition began 'solving' the currency crisis.

Yet according to them everything is going to plan and we are doing fine.

This Mid-Term Review covered the economy, housing, care, planning, pensions, the environment and the constitution - it totally ignores the subject on most people's mind: the ticking time-bomb of Britain's relationship with the

European Union! David Cameron continues with his hokey cokey EU policy - 'in out, in out, shake it all about'.

He promised a referendum and reneged, he vows that we will not join the euro and that we need to be in the table which makes the rules in Europe - ignoring the obvious fact that, whatever the solution, Britain's destiny is as part of the smaller group of non-euro members with reduced influence.

A wrong decision by the PM on this partial political union of the European Union could ruin Britain.

He should recognise the decline of Britain over the last 40 years due entirely to our membership, concede the deeply unfair and ever-growing membership fee we pay, acknowledge the lack of prudent accounting and measures against fraud.

He should question the validity of being ruled by the Franco/German alliance and then consider the merits and self-respect of standing or falling by our own efforts again.

BOB WYDELL  
Oswestry



A HORSE-drawn vehicle mixes with more modern road traffic in this undated view of Church Street, Oswestry, loaned to us by Nigel Walters of St Martins. The horse is standing outside the Coach & Dogs tea rooms, while on the corner on the left is Owen's butchers. Readers who know their old cars can perhaps best guess at the date - the late 1940s perhaps?

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## Getting the papers out in winter of '63

HOW well I remember the winter of 1962/3! My husband and I were R & V Roberts, Newsagents of Watergate, Ellesmere, and my sisters Irene and Dorothy were Eastwoods Newsagents of High Street, also in Ellesmere.

The weather was foul and the papers were late. And the 'lads' had gone to school, but something had to be done.

We had the idea that Ron and myself would deliver Eastwoods' as well as our papers if one of them looked after our shop and this is what we did.

We set off in the car, slithering and sliding, and arrived back thankfully in one piece at about 5pm.

Cold but satisfied that the people of Ellesmere had had their papers, we often wondered if they realised what a job it had been for us, not only for that day but for days to come.

VERA ROBERTS, Ellesmere

## Focus on stopping web porn

I AM sure that most of us are heartily sick by now of hearing the name of Jimmy Savile. He is dead and gone now.

I know there are many who were complicit in his perverted behaviour.

But I wonder about the huge amount of police time currently being spent on this case. I also wonder about the case of the MP accused of swearing at police.

I would rather the police concentrated their efforts on catching the perverts who are still preying on women and children. Internet porn is encouraging thousands to follow in Savile's footsteps.

With all the technology available it is surely possible to stop this torrent of filth? The Government should be ashamed that they lack the will.

RON JONES  
Oswestry

## PM fails to see obvious

MR Cameron keeps banging on about renegotiating our relationship with the EU.

It's amazing that this man, and all his advisers, don't realise that the EU has always made it plain that powers conceded can never be returned. And if they did allow this small precedent the 'return' would only be for a limited time.

Can he really not see that without the threat of us pulling out of the EU, he doesn't have any weapon with which to negotiate?

A J ASTLEY  
Ellesmere

## Crazies are back

THE crazies are out on the road again, hurtling along in the fog with only iced up parking lights on. Still, I guess it'll keep the funeral parlours and the emergency wards in business.

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**More aid urged for victims of flooding**

MORE needs to be done to help people affected by flooding despite an extra £5 million funding boost for Wales, it has been claimed.

Russell George, Montgomeryshire AM, said flooding is one of the most 'distressing' things to hit homeowners and called on the Welsh Assembly to provide more aid for those affected.

But the Assembly said it had upped its flooding investment to £150 million to help those at risk.

According to the Environment Agency, about one in six properties are at risk of flooding in Wales.

Last year a UK Climate Change Risk Assessment for Wales report stated that 'flood risk in Wales is higher than in other UK countries in terms of the proportion of people, property and infrastructure at risk of flooding'.

Mr George said: "Losing your home to flooding is one of the most distressing experiences and something that the victims will never forget."

"Recent flooding in Wales should have shocked Labour ministers into action."

But Environment Minister John Griffiths said: "The extra money will enable construction work on flood defence schemes to begin earlier than planned, which is great news for the affected residents and the local construction industry."

**Police warn farmers after a spate of sheep rustling**

**POLICE in the Welshpool area are warning farmers to be on guard following a spate of sheep thefts.**

The latest theft saw 76 pregnant Texel cross ewes and two Texel rams worth more than £2,000 stolen from a field in Rhiwhiriaeth, near Llanfair Caereinion, earlier this month.

Constable Kevin Jones, of Dyfed Powys Police, said he is appealing for any farmers offered the sheep for sale to come forward.

He said: "Police are investigating after 76 pregnant Texel cross ewes and two texel rams were stolen from a field in the Rhiwhiriaeth area of Llanfair Caereinion."

**by Graham Breeze**

**Wall is perfect for exhibitions**

SCHOOLS, organisations and charities are being encouraged to utilise a community wall in the Tourist Information Centre.

The display boards are fixed to the wall and can be seen by the thousands of people travelling through the centre each year. Previously, schools and community groups have held exhibitions of work and details of projects being carried out, whilst other organisations and charities have used it to promote events happening in the area.

Local artists have also used the space to display and publicise their work.

Over the last four years, the centre has expanded to offer refreshments, holidays, National Express Coach tickets, fishing licenses and local crafts as well as the usual Tourist Information Centre services.

Staff can be contacted on 01938 552043. They hold a diary and are able to take bookings for a minimum of two weeks at a time, although longer periods can be arranged, free of charge.

**CCTV bid to trace purse thief**

This is the woman police in Mid Wales want to speak to in relation to a purse theft at a supermarket.

POLICE have released a CCTV image of a woman in connection with picking a shopper's pocket outside Tesco in Welshpool.

The incident happened at about 12.40pm on Monday last week when the shopper was leaving the supermarket, followed by the woman who then 'bumped' into her, before running off.

The shopper then noticed that her purse was missing from her pocket.

Can you help?

The suspect is described as white, very slim, between 5ft 2in and 5ft 4in tall.

She was wearing a green, three quarter length jacket with green belt, black leggings and black boots. She ran off in the direction of Cae Glas.

Officers would particularly like to speak to two members of the public who the suspect ran past in the car park at Tesco.

Do you know this girl? Call police now on 101.

**Campaign to focus on helping neighbours**

A CAMPAIGN has been launched by emergency services in Mid Wales to encourage people to look out for their neighbours.

Mid & West Wales Fire and Rescue Service's Community Risk Reduction Department has launched a new campaign entitled 'Be A Good Neighbour' to encourage people to look out for elderly, vulnerable and disabled neighbours and family members.

Beverley Davies, community safety support manager, is running the scheme, and is also urging everyone to ensure their smoke alarms are working.

She said: "The service is urging everyone to be a good neighbour and ensure they do their bit to keep themselves, their family and community safe from fire. It also aims to inform the public of the importance of having a properly fitted and working smoke alarm."

"The initiative forms part of the service's community risk reduction plan to reduce accidental deaths and injuries from fire in the home."

Neil Evans, community safety manager for Powys, added: "The people we want to target are the most vulnerable people in our communities, such as the elderly, disabled, people living alone etc."

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# Drinkers banned from pubs for breaking law

## Panto tales published



Alan Crowe with his new book called "Oh Yes It Is".

AN author from Welshpool has penned a book chronicling the history of pantomimes in the town - 41 years after they came to an end.

Alan Crowe has published 'Oh Yes It Is', which looks at productions by Welshpool Pantomime Society which took place between 1963 and

1972. Mr Crowe has spent two years interviewing cast and production members and collecting memorabilia for the book, which is out now priced £9.95.

Copies of the book can be obtained from publishers [www.dreamstarbooks.com](http://www.dreamstarbooks.com)

by Graham Breeze

**TWO UNDERAGE** drinkers have been banned from pubs in Welshpool after being caught in the act over Christmas.

A further two people who were already banned from the pubs under the Behave or Be Banned (BoBB) scheme were caught breaking their orders and have had their bans extended.

Constable Nicola Davies said: "Following Welshpool's New Year's Behave or Be Banned pub watch meeting, two youths have been issued with BoBB bans that will expire a period after their 18th birthdays.

"The committee also extended BoBB bans by three months after two individuals failed to comply with their current bans and entered licensed premises on the scheme during the festive period.

"The licensee lead scheme allows pubs to work with partners such as the police to ensure that the troublemakers are not allowed into licensed premises for a period at the discretion of the scheme.

"The scheme also voted to issue interim banning notices to those who are arrested for failure to comply with a direction to leave the locality notice, an offence under the Violent Crime Reduction Act 2006.

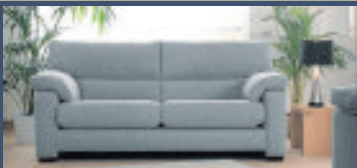
"As a result of this, one 17 year old male was nominated by the committee to be given a BoBB ban. This now brings the total to 34 individuals who are currently on the Welshpool Pubwatch list.

"Welshpool BoBB scheme will not tolerate underage drinking, violence or anti-social behaviour.

"Bans will be issued where appropriate to ensure that the majority of people who are responsible can enjoy themselves."

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**NEWS**

in brief

**Youths arrested for egg throwing**

TWO youths aged 17 and 15 have been arrested following an incident in which eggs were thrown at the public outside St Mary's Church on Church Bank in Welshpool at 1.30pm on November 17.

The 15-year-old has been given a reprimand for a Section 5 public order offence and handling in relation to some stolen eggs which were later thrown at the public causing them distress.

The 17-year-old has been charged with a section 5 Public Order offence and is due to appear at Welshpool Youth Court next month.

**Man, 34, bailed on cannabis charge**

A MAN has been charged with the possession of 5.5 grams of cannabis following the execution of a drugs warrant in Welshpool.

The 34-year-old was arrested on January 10 and charged this week. He has been bailed to appear at Welshpool Magistrates Court on January 29.

**Change of walk**

WELSHPOOL Ramblers have postponed the Meifod walk on Sunday and a shorter walk from Welshpool will be held instead. Walkers should meet in the Church Street car park, Welshpool at 9.30am. All welcome, but no dogs. Further information on 01743 884930.

# Canal Trust launches hunt for volunteer lock keeper

**RESIDENTS in Welshpool are being offered a unique opportunity that will see them carry out an iconic role on the Montgomery Canal.**

The Canal and River Trust is appealing for someone to come forward to act as the volunteer lock keeper to help look after boaters and provide a warm welcome to the town.

Lock keeping has been a fixture on the canals for hundreds of years and the role of the modern-day volunteer lock keeper is to help the trust look after the waterways, including helping boaters through the locks, providing a polite and friendly welcome to waterway visitors and helping to maintain many historic, listed locks.

by Graham Breeze

## Parent's fury over lost bus

POWYS County Council's streamlining of its home to school/college bus service has been criticised by one Leighton parent.

Sarah Jones says her son James, 16, now has a two-mile walk in the dark to his nearest bus stop, at the Cock in Forden or Welshpool High Street, along roads without pavements. He then repeats the trek after returning from Coleg Powys where he studies.

Mrs Jones says the family was not told of the change to the service, which now only schedules two daytime buses through Leighton. "We weren't even told that the bus wouldn't come this way anymore and James spent 45 minutes waiting at the side of the road on the first day of term."

But Powys County Council stands by its decision as 'commercial sense', adding: "Our policy states that post-16 learners can be expected to make their own way to a collection point up to three miles away from their home. There is a public bus service that continues to operate through Leighton."

Actor and adventurer Brian Blessed supported the first appeal during 2012 which saw over 250 people come forward and become volunteer lock keepers. Now, the Canal & River Trust is asking for public support to try and double these numbers in over 50 locations across the country.

Paul Corner, volunteer co-ordinator for the Canal & River Trust, said: "As a new charity we were heartened by the amazing support we received for this role last year."

"Volunteers are integral to the future of the nation's waterways and our growing groups of volunteers have been making a huge difference to local canals and rivers up and down the country."

"This is one of the oldest and most iconic roles on the waterways so we're asking the millions of people who visit the nation's canals and rivers each year to get active and become a volunteer lock keeper."

In a recent survey with volunteer lock keepers who took part in 2012, 99 per cent said they planned to return in 2013 and over 70 per cent of people said that 'keeping fit and active' was one of the major motivations for waterways volunteering.

For more information, visit: [www.canal-rivertrust.org.uk/volunteer](http://www.canal-rivertrust.org.uk/volunteer), e-mail [volunteer@canalrivertrust.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@canalrivertrust.org.uk) or call 0303 0404040.

Volunteers can start quickly and no prior experience is necessary as a full induction, training and a uniform will be provided.



Residents in the Welshpool area are being offered a unique opportunity that will see them carry out an iconic role on the Montgomery Canal, pictured above.

## Car Club launches drive for sponsors

THE Welsh Border Car Club has launched a sponsorship drive for their big event – the Breidden Road Rally – which will be held from August 24/25 in and around the Welshpool area.

The voluntary organisation relies on support from the private sector to cover its increasing costs for an event that welcomes dozens of entries from across the UK.

The Breidden Road Rally is a qualifying round of two National Rally Championships and has won numerous awards over the past years for Best Event and Best Road Rally in Wales and the North West.

Companies will receive extensive brand exposure with spots available for as little as £30. The club will also be carrying out direct marketing to 5,000 households, providing more exposure to sponsors.

For more information, contact Gilly Wood on [gilly@walesmr.com](mailto:gilly@walesmr.com)

## Craft fair dates

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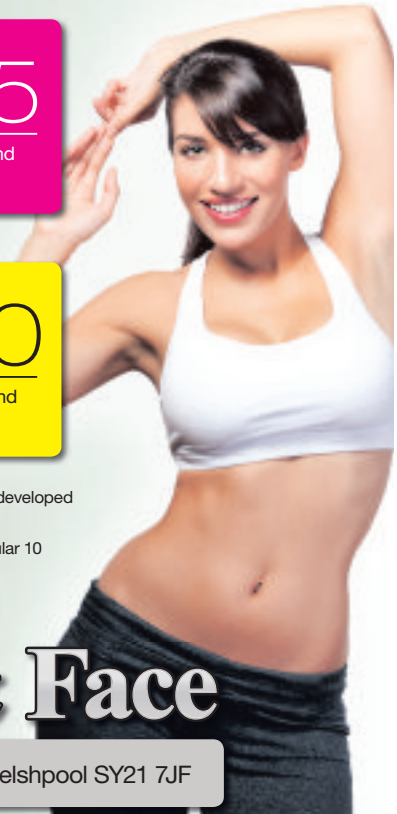
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**Chance to get fit at Zumba class**

PEOPLE looking to get fit this year are invited to attend fitness classes near Oswestry.

Dance tutor Julie Thomas is holding Zumba Fitness classes in Whittington.

They take place at the community centre, in Station Road, on Mondays from 7pm and 8pm.

The licensed Zumba instructor says the class is suitable for all ages and fitness levels.

It is a low impact, Latin-inspired dance fitness session costing £4.

For more information contact Julie on 07944402474 or e-mail [juliekirkthoas@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:juliekirkthoas@hotmail.co.uk)

**Masquerade ball for town lovers**

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**Food and music**

A NIGHT of music will take place at a restaurant in Oswestry. Little Red Bird will be playing on January 25 from 7.30pm at The Walls Restaurant. Call (01691) 670970.

# Acclaimed author launches town's 2013 literary festival

by Graham Breeze

**THE fourth Oswestry Festival of the Word has been launched, with organisers promising a line-up of internationally acclaimed writers, poets and performers.**

The festival runs over 11 days from March 9 and this year will feature War Horse author Michael Morpurgo, and the former English Poet Laureate, Sir Andrew Motion.

Rachel Joyce, author of the hugely successful novel *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry*, launched the festival at a book signing in The Walls restaurant last Wednesday in front of a sell-out audience of literary enthusiasts and Harold Fry fans.



Author and playwright Rachel Joyce.

About 100 people packed the Oswestry venue to hear the author talk frankly about the inspiration for Harold – her dying father – and her journey from successful radio playwright to Booker Long-listed author and international best-seller.

Following her talk, the writer spent over an hour signing copies and chatting to members of the audience.

Festival director John Waine, said: "We could not be more pleased with our festival launch. The feedback from the sell-out audience was incredible. Rachel Joyce was an absolute delight."

"She captivated those present with an endearingly candid and self-deprecating insight into the inspiration behind her character Harold Fry and how she came to write a book that has taken the nation by storm."

"My thanks go to all the Oswestry LitFest team, The Walls, and our event sponsors, Lloyds Animals Foods, for creating a superb launch pad for the 2013 festival."

Early bird festival tickets went on sale for the first time last night with the most sought after tickets being for the Michael Morpurgo event on March 10.

The former children's laureate appears at The Marches School courtesy of Morris Cook Chartered Accountants. For more details visit [www.oswestrylitfest.co.uk](http://www.oswestrylitfest.co.uk)



Carrie Morris and John Waine, organisers of the festival, with Rachel Joyce, centre.



The audience at The Walls in Oswestry.

## Buggies welcome at charity lake walk

PARENTS with youngsters in buggies can keep fit and help raise money for a hospice, by walking around Lake Vyrnwy next month.

Nicky Davies, 21, from Oswestry, is raising funds for the Hospice of the Good Shepherd in Cheshire as part of her entry into a beauty pageant.

A charity bag pack last week had to be cancelled because of the snow and Nicky is now hoping people will sponsor her or join in with the sponsored walk around the lake in Mid Wales on February 10 at 11am.

The young barber, who works at Barber Shop 2 in Chapel Court, is taking along her one-year-old nephew, Sam Edwards, for the walk of about 10 miles.

"We are hoping that other people will join us, sponsor us, or even donate some food for a sharing picnic," she said.

She is taking part in the Crown and Glory beauty pageant on February 24.

"All the contestants are asked to raise funds for the hospice," she said.

"I am also hoping to organise a raffle, so prizes would be very helpful."

Sponsor Nicky via [www.justgiving.com/nicola-davies](http://www.justgiving.com/nicola-davies) or email her to join in the walk or help out at [nicky-davies1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:nicky-davies1@hotmail.co.uk)

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## Brothers' delight at farming accolade

THREE brothers have beaten off competition from 1,100 dairy farmers across the country to be given a milk quality award.

Powys farmers David, Alan and Neil Pryce, of Coed Mawr Farm in Llansantffraid, were champions at the annual Müller Wiseman Dairies Milk Quality Awards.

The awards were divided into two categories based on production volumes to take account of the scale of the production on the farms across the Müller Wiseman Milk Group.

Coed Mawr Farm supplies milk via Müller Wiseman to the Co-operative Group as members of the Co-operative Dairy Group. The farm was crowned overall winners as well as topping the list from the below 2,000,000 litres per annum category.

The awards were decided on the basis of milk quality performance across the year. Mike Stevens, group manager at Farm Services at Müller Wiseman Dairies, said: "David, Alan and Neil are very deserving winners of the top award with their herd generating some exceptional production figures this past year."

Alan Pryce said: "To come out as the best farm amongst over 1,100 members of the Müller Wiseman Milk Group is something we are extremely proud of."

# MP calls for roundabout at accident blackspot junction

A ROUNDABOUT should be a priority for an accident blackspot junction on Shropshire's A5, MP Owen Paterson has said.

Mr Paterson, MP for north Shropshire and the environment minister, has been campaigning for improvements to the A5 between Shrewsbury and Oswestry for more than a decade. And he said action needed to be taken at Shotatton crossroads close to Ruyton-XI-Towns, which has been the scene of many accidents.

Mr Paterson is now backing a campaign by Ruyton-XI-Towns Parish Council for a roundabout at the crossroads and plans to hold talks with Shropshire Council leader Keith Barron to see if the unitary authority can help finance a scheme.

In 2003, Mr Paterson and local councillor Dilys Gaskill hijacked the coach carrying officials to the opening ceremony for Nesscliffe bypass and took them to see Shotatton crossroads. But he said he believed little had been done since to ease the problems for motorists.

Road safety cameras have been installed on the A5 at Shotatton in recent years following the introduction of a 40mph speed limit.

Mr Paterson said: "I have been calling for something to be done not only at Shotatton but the entire stretch of the A5 between Nesscliffe and the Shropshire border for more than 10 years. This is one of my earliest campaigns and still little has been done."

"In an ideal world the entire stretch, including the Oswestry bypass, should be a dual carriageway. But the priority has to be Shotatton crossroads and the road between Wolf's Head and Queen's Head."

"These are tough economic times and we simply have not got the money to build new roads and fund road schemes. The Government has inherited a huge financial debt."

"However, I will continue to press for improvements to this crossroads. I will also be talking to the leader of Shropshire Council to look at ways that the council could help out. I would like to see if there is any flexibility in a joint improvement scheme."

Mr Thomas said: "It's getting so expensive travelling to Oswestry. I'm trying to get a traffic-free path alongside the disused railway line linking Gobowen to Oswestry."

by Sue Austin

## Car-free route wins support

A PROJECT to establish a traffic-free route from Gobowen to Oswestry has won the support in principle of a parish council.

The initiative is being spearheaded by Gobowen leisure attendant Nigel Thomas who organised a village-wide poll to gauge support for the idea.

Nearly 1,400 polling cards were sent to households in Gobowen asking if they wanted to see a path built alongside the disused Cambrian railway line linking the village to Oswestry.

A total of 253 villagers said they supported the plan while only two opposed it.

Mr Thomas asked members of Selattyn and Gobowen Parish Council to also support his project. Council clerk Penny O'Hagan said: "The councillors agreed to support the initiative in principle."

Mr Thomas said: "It's getting so expensive travelling to Oswestry. I'm trying to get a traffic-free path alongside the disused railway line linking Gobowen to Oswestry."

## Fun in store with teddy bear



Bethy Hartley-Morrow, from Honeypots, with the six foot bear called Nelson. Picture: Peter Flemmich.

IF you go down to the shops today, you're in for a big surprise.

Honey Pots in Oswestry has a special visitor - a six foot, eight stone teddy bear, called Nelson. It has travelled to the store in Church Street from one in Llangollen, which is having building work carried out.

Sarah Meade, owner of Honey Pots, said: "We arrived for work on Tuesday morning and found Nelson inside. He must have hitched a lift from Llangollen because his tweets have shown that he was getting fed up with the dust and noise in Llangollen."

In the last year Nelson has raised more than £300 for the Llangollen Christmas Festival and Hope House Children's Hospice.

People donated money to have a photo taken with him. Nelson now wants to do the same in Oswestry for Hope House Children's Hospice. Ms Meade said he would be at the store until the end of the month.

Follow Nelson's tweets @HoneyPotsNelson on Facebook.

## Centre is hailed as a success for young

A NEW youth facility in Oswestry has been praised by a Shropshire councillor who believes it will serve generations to come.

The Centre, in Oak Street, was officially opened last month.

There are already a number of activities planned for youngsters including sessions with Oswestry-based film screening company KinoKulture.

Councillor Vince Hunt, who has been involved with the project from the beginning, said The Centre is currently working with a company called Ramp Up to create facilities for skateboarders and scooters.

"The Centre will go for strength to strength."

"A lot of young people use the facilities now I would like to think their children would be using it in 10 to 15 years time."

The centre opened on December 8.

Young people, supported by youth workers, helped with its design, plans for how it will be used, colours, furniture and equipment.

The Centre has a recording studio and music room which is hoped to be run by a social enterprise formed by local musicians.

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**Bowling club plan secures funding**

A PROJECT to improve a Shropshire bowling green and widen its appeal to younger players has been given a cash boost from a foundation set up in memory of a county schoolgirl.

The rejuvenated Criftons Bowling Club at Dudleston Heath, which nearly closed two years ago, has received a grant of £500 from the Charlotte Hartley Foundation.

The cash will go towards the £3,900 overall cost of installing an irrigation system to help improve the club's green and extend its popularity in the area.

Paul Seager, from the Charlotte Hartley Foundation, said the group gave a donation after being approached by Criftons bowler Anthony Gillam.

Mr Seager said: "In 2011 the club was nearly closed due to lack of members and no working mower."

"Bowler Anthony took it upon myself to try and turn the club around."

"The club now has three teams in the Oswestry Bowling League."

Mr Gillam said: "In the coming season we are entering an additional team consisting of juniors to give them the experience in competition and also etiquette of the game."

The foundation was set up in memory of Bronygarth girl Charlotte Hartley, 16, who died in July 2009.

**Model aircraft fans deny plan will create noise issue**

**MODEL aircraft flying enthusiasts have denied their bid to be allowed to fly their planes in a field throughout the year will create a noise problem for neighbours.**

Several neighbours have written to Shropshire Council objecting to the proposal by Oswestry and District Model Flying Club for planning permission to be allowed to fly their planes and helicopters in a field at Maesbury any day of the year. At the moment the club is allowed to fly on 28 days a year.

Some objectors say their lives are already made a misery by the group's aircraft.

**by Graham Breeze**

**Staff to climb peaks for fund**

A TOUGH challenge to climb the three highest peaks in England, Scotland and Wales will be made by staff at a company in Oswestry, in memory of one of their colleagues.

Martin Thorpe, who lost his battle with cancer last year, aged 58, was part of the Rigby Thorpe Construction Consultancy and carried out sub-contracting work for the Pickstock group of companies.

Now colleagues at the Pickstock group have events planned to raise money in his name for Marie Curie Cancer Care.

They include a Three Peaks challenge over the weekend of June 1 and 2 when 22 members of the group, which includes Elements Europe, JRoss Developments Ltd and JR Pickstock Ltd will take on one of the toughest walking challenges in the country.

Mr Thorpe's widow, Katie, said: "The nurses do not just care for the patient, they give support to the family as well."

But the club's founder member Mervyn Davies said the 28-day rule had cost the club many members because enthusiasts want to be able to fly throughout the year.

He said: "I disagree with the claim that the noise from the aircraft is too much."

"We are restricted by our planning regulations not to use any aircraft which cause a sound higher than 84 decibels."

"We actually have a decibel recorder and if any aircraft is over 84 decibels we don't fly them."

Mr Davies added that although members did not live in Maesbury, they were local to the area.

Objector Susan Norris lives in a static caravan with her husband David in the grounds of her mother's bungalow near the flying club's field.

She said she moved to the area to look after her 82-year-old mother Trixie Jones.

Mrs Norris said: "My mother is elderly and doesn't need all this. She can still hear the whine and the noise even when her windows are shut and they are triple glazed."

"It is unbearable. If David and I are in the garden the noise makes our lives a misery."

"To have it around the year is just too much."

Four other people have also objected to the bid, as has Maesbury parish councillor Peter Richardson.

Shropshire Council hopes to determine the bid by January 29.

**New knitting club casts on**

Barbara Baker getting ready for the knitting classes at Whittington Castle. Picture: Peter Flemmich.

PEOPLE of all ages are gathering at a castle near Oswestry to knit.

The new knitting club has started at Whittington Castle and is held every Sunday from 10am to noon.

Castle manager Sue Ellis, said: "Out of the people who have turned up, one is experienced, one is an average knitter and one is a beginner being taught to pearl."

"There is also a little girl who is being taught from scratch."

"We have somebody knitting a nice hat and somebody is doing a scarf. The experienced knitter is making little chicks for Chirk Hospital."

Ms Ellis said: "We will swap patterns, chat through projects and teach anyone who wants to start."

She added that knitting could be an ideal way to help people who want to lose weight this year. She said instead of munching on snacks in front of the television they can busy their hands with knitting needles instead.

For more information call (01691) 662500.

**Medal for doctor's work on recovery**

A DOCTOR has been recognised for his work in spearheading a process which gets patients back on their feet quicker after surgery.

Dr John John, a consultant anaesthetist at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital, has been awarded the first president's medal of the British Society of Orthopaedic Anaesthetists for his role in developing the enhanced recovery programme across the UK.

The enhanced recovery programme helps patients who have undergone joint replacement surgery recover quickly. As a result, most patients now stay in hospital for three days when undergoing hip or knee replacement, compared to five to six three years ago.

Dr John had been invited to give the president's lecture at the prestigious annual meeting of the society in Birmingham.

At the end of the meeting, attended by more than 200 delegates, Dr John was awarded the first president's medal.

Orthopaedic hospital bosses described the work carried out by Dr John in leading this change in clinical practice as 'immense'.

Dr John said: "I was delighted to have our work in enhanced recovery for patients recognised at a national meeting."

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## Reunion planned for class of 1983

PLANS are being prepared for a reunion of former students at Oswestry's Marches School - with organisers leaving it to a public vote to decide when it should take place.

A call has gone out to people who left the school in 1993 to get in touch with organisers of the 20-year reunion.

Kelly Clarke, nee Turner, is helping organise the get-together and said a Facebook site has been set up to poll ex-students on when the reunion should take place.

She said: "We are looking to have it in Oswestry in the summer but the best date will be decided by a poll on the Facebook site."

"We want as many people there as possible so whatever is voted the most convenient date for the most people will be the date it is held."

"We have made contact with about 100 of the students and we think we are about halfway to contacting the whole year group."

"Many of the students still live in the Oswestry area. Many of us moved away but have later moved back, we want to hear from everybody we can."

People who wish to attend the reunion are asked to e-mail [kelclarke@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kelclarke@hotmail.co.uk) for further details.

# Warning that the outlook for farmers set to remain bleak

**THE bleak outlook for struggling farmers in Shropshire is not likely to improve in the near future, officials at a county support group have warned.**

Farmers across the county will need more help in 2013 to combat the impact of the spread of tuberculosis among cattle, bad weather and meeting day-to-day running costs according to John Brown, chairman of Shropshire Rural Support Network (SRSN).

And he said farmers who were struggling to make ends meet would not see any improvement until the spring at the earliest.

by Dani Wozencroft

## Experts unite for seminar

A LAWYER, an accountant and an investigator are joining forces to offer a free seminar for employers.

GHP Legal, Hudson LM Ltd Chartered Accountant and Paul Wiseman Investigations will be holding the event today (Friday) in Oswestry.

It is called The Lawyer, The Accountant & The Investigator and will run from 8.30am to 12pm at the Sweeney Hotel.

Topics covered will include employment law update, dealing with employment tribunal claims commercially with Nicholas Kenan.

Louise Hudson will speak on pension auto enrolment and tax efficient use of pensions, employment status and tax risk.

Paul Wiseman will speak on five myths why employees don't steal.

The day will also deal with recovering losses from bad employees. To book call Bronwyn Higginson on (01691) 659194 or e-mail [Bronwyn.Higginson@ghplegal.co.uk](mailto:Bronwyn.Higginson@ghplegal.co.uk)

It comes after officials at the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution revealed £111,466 was handed out to 67 farmers in Shropshire during 2012 to pay for funeral costs and utilities and council tax arrears. Emergency cash was also provided to farmers waiting for state benefits, clothing and food vouchers.

Only farmers in North Yorkshire were given more - and Shropshire has been in the top three for handouts for the past five years.

John Brown, chairman of SRSN, who farms near Wem, said he was not surprised to hear the county's farmers were struggling.

He said: "We haven't got to the end of the winter yet, if it is a nice early spring everyone will heave a sigh of relief but if it is cold, wet and late that is when the problems will really start."

"There is a lot of TB coming in so people can't move cows. It is very serious and is getting quite bad in pockets around Market Drayton and then from below Shrewsbury down into Herefordshire."

Andrew Bebb, a dairy farmer in Hanwood, near Shrewsbury, said: "The phone has been busy, we put people in touch with the RABI and we were getting one new case each week."

"A lot of problems are weather-related and there is a lot of depression around because of poor returns."

## Fight for crossing near school



Dot Basham, with grand-daughter Ffion Howe, at the crossing in Gobowen. Picture: Peter Flemmich.

A CAMPAIGN has been launched for a zebra crossing to be installed on a busy road near a primary school.

Hundreds of villagers have already signed up to a petition calling for the crossing in St Martins Road, Gobowen. The campaign is being led by Dot Basham, whose granddaughter attends Gobowen Primary School.

Many families cross St Martins Road each morning and campaigners say there has been at least one near miss, where a youngster almost got knocked over.

Mrs Basham said the introduction of a speed camera van had failed to slow all traffic down. She added: "The van caught 1,000 drivers speeding in the first month it was there."

A school crossing patrol used to operate on the road but ended some time ago.

Mrs Basham said: "I have about 120 people sign one petition and there are others at West Place Stores, the Post Office and the Co-op."

She said she would pass on the petitions at Selattyn and Gobowen Parish Council's meeting in February.

## West End actor in appeal to dancers

A WEST End star is appealing to folk dancers across Mid Wales to represent their country at this year's Llangollen International Eisteddfod.

Mark Evans, from Llanrhaeadr in the Vale of Clwyd, near Llangollen, is touring the USA in the lead role in the smash-hit musical comedy The Book of Mormon.

Eisteddfod bosses have introduced a major new dance prize to feature alongside the acclaimed Choir of the World event on the final night of competition.

Mr Evans said: "Llangollen is a wonderful event with a tremendous heritage and it is a great experience to be a part of, whether singing or dancing."

"I would urge dance troupes from across Mid Wales to hurry to be involved in this year's International Eisteddfod and be able to showcase their talent to the world."

The Saturday night dance finale is the idea of musical director Eilir Owen Griffiths who wants groups from across Wales to take on the world at Llangollen.

At stake will be the chance to go head to head on the stage with the best in the world for a major new international prize and £1,000.

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## PENTRE, NR. CHIRK



- Detached Property
  - Separate 3/4 Acre
  - Good Sized Gardens
  - Great Potential
  - Going to Auction
  - 21st February 2013
- GUIDE PRICE £55,000**

## LLANGOLLEN



- Self Contained Apartment
  - One Bedroom
  - Gas Central Heating
  - Double Glazing
  - Going to Auction
  - 21st February 2013
- GUIDE PRICE £58,000**

## MELVERLEY



- 8.5 Acres
  - Building on Land
  - Sought After Location
  - Rural Setting
  - Going to Auction
  - 21st February 2013
- GUIDE PRICE £85,000**

## PENTRE, NR. CHIRK



- Development Opportunity
  - Barns for Renovation
  - Planning Permission
  - Convert 3/4 Properties
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## OSWESTRY



- Ground Floor Flat
  - One Bedroom
  - Close to Town Centre
  - Gas Central Heating
  - Courtyard to Rear
  - No Pets
- £340 PCM**

## OSWESTRY



- Commercial Premises
- Ground Floor
- Shop/Cafe Area



- Storage Room
  - Mezzanine Room
  - Cloakroom & Kitchen Area
- £350 PCM**

## OSWESTRY



- Three Bed Maisonette
- DHSS Taken
- Off Street Parking



- Close to Town
  - Gas Central Heating
  - Available Immediately
- £400 PCM**

## GOBOWEN



- Detached Bungalow
  - Two Bedrooms
  - Off Road Parking
  - Gas Central Heating
  - Available Immediately
  - Views over Fields
- £450 PCM**

## OSWESTRY



- Semi-Detached House
  - Two Bedrooms
  - Available Immediately
  - Well Maintained
  - Ample Off Road Parking
  - No Pets/DHSS/Smokers
- £495 PCM**

## LLANRHAEDR Y.M.



- End Terrace House
- Three Bedrooms
- Available Beg. Feb.



- Single Garage
  - Electric Heating
  - Pets & DHSS Considered
- £475 PCM**

## WESTON RHYN



- Two Bedrooms
  - Village Location
  - Gas Central Heating
  - Off Street Parking
  - Rear Garden
  - Available March
- £475 PCM**

## CHIRK



- Semi-Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Updated Kitchen



- uPVC Double Glazing
  - Gas Central Heating
  - Good Sized Rear Garden
- £525 PCM**

## TREFLACH



- Available End of November
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Well Maintained



- Sought After Location
  - Ample Parking & Garage
  - No Pets or Smokers
- £650 PCM**

## KNOCKIN HEATH



- Available Immediately
  - Detached House
  - Three Spacious Bedrooms
  - Snug/Fourth Bedroom
  - Rural Location
  - Oil Central Heating
- £650 PCM**

## OSWESTRY



- Detached House
- Four Bedrooms
- Garage & Parking



- Ensuite, W.C. & Utility
  - No Pets/Smokers/DSS
  - Available Soon
- £680 PCM**



# TOWN & COUNTRY

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## CRIGGION



- Grazing Land
- 2.66 Acres
- Gated Road Access
- Mains Water Supply
- Convenient Location
- Field Shelter

£21,500

## PANDY



- Detached House
- Two Bedrooms
- Oil Central Heating
- Pretty Village Location
- Beamed Ceilings
- uPVC Double Glazing

OFFERS OVER £98,000

## FOUR CROSSES



- Investment Opportunity
- Commercial Premises
- Plus 1 Bed Flat
- Village Centre Location
- Superb Return
- Well Maintained

£95,000

## GLYN CEIRIOG



- Three Storey House
- Many Original Features
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Double Glazing
- Views Over the Village
- Attractive Rear Gardens

£117,000

## OSWESTRY



- Modern Semi-Detached
- Two Bedrooms
- Garage and Parking
- Off Road Parking
- Gas Central Heating
- uPVC Double Glazing

£115,000

## WESTON AVENUE, OSWESTRY



- Detached Bungalow
- Three Bedrooms
- Sought After Location
- Updating Required
- Great Potential
- Parking & Garage

£149,950

## OSWESTRY



- Detached Bungalow
- Two Bedrooms
- Well Maintained



- Gas Central Heating
- Gardens Front & Rear
- Detached Garage

£155,000

## LLANARMON D.C.



- Attractive Cottage
- Fully Renovated
- Sought After Location
- Three Bedrooms
- Views over Countryside
- Modern Kitchen & Bathroom

£139,950

## PENYBONTFAWR



- Large Semi-Detached House
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Three Reception Rooms

- Modern Kitchen & Bathroom
- Inglenook Fireplace
- Village Location

£173,500

## LLYNCLYS



- Semi-Detached Home
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Garage & Stable Block
- Good Sized Gardens
- Fantastic Views

£215,000

## LLANFECHAIN



- Detached Bungalow
- Three Bedrooms
- Modernisation Required

- Pretty Village Location
- Long Driveway & Garage
- Generous Gardens

£175,000

## OSWESTRY



- Extended Semi-Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Rec Rooms
- Utility & Garage
- South Facing Garden
- Popular Location

£189,950

## OSWESTRY



- Detached Family House
- Four Bedrooms (Ensuite)
- Off Road Parking & Garage



- Popular Location
- Upvc Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating

£179,950

## MAESBURY MARSH



- Detached Cottage
- Three Bedrooms
- Access to Canal
- Sought After Location
- Extensive Parking
- Stamp Duty Incentive

£250,000

## ST MARTINS



- Modern Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Conservatory
- Ensuite, Utility
- Garage
- Private Rear Gardens

£174,950

## LLANYGYNOG



- Detached Bungalow
- Good Sized Gardens
- Deceptively Spacious



- Views over Open Fields
- Ample Off Road Parking
- Edge of Village Location

£190,000

## PANT



- 4 Bed Detached House
- Fantastic Views
- Stable & Tacking Shed



- Set in Approx. 2/3 Acre
- Large Conservatory
- Shower Room & Bathroom

£350,000

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**£287,500**

### WHITTINGTON



A 3 bed detached bungalow in a sought after Village and briefly comprising, Living Room, Kitchen, Sitting Room/Dining Room, Bathroom, further separate W.C., 3 bedrooms, Detached garage, off road parking. Gardens to the front and rear. Viewing recommended.

**£209,000**

### LLANMYNECH



A Grade II Listed two bedroom terraced house requiring some upgrade and modernisation. Located in the popular village of Llanymynech with good local amenities. Briefly comprising, Lounge, inner hall, kitchen, rear lobby, bathroom, cellar, two bedrooms, attic room, small rear enclosed yard with pleasant views.

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### Ellesmere



A two bedroom terraced property located on the edge of Ellesmere convenient to all amenities and within walking distance of the picturesque mere. Having lounge with feature brick fireplace and slate hearth and beams to ceiling. Bathroom, Kitchen and two bedrooms. The property has rear yard and private terraced garden. There is a resident's parking permit available.

**£99,995**

### St Martins



A very well presented 4 bedroom detached bungalow. Approached via a gravelled driveway through farmstyle gates set back from the road. Ent hall, Reception hall, Lounge, Breakfast kitchen, utility room, family bathroom, bedroom one, bedroom two, first floor landing, bedroom three and four, cloaks, w.c., Double garage/workshop. Viewing recommended

**£249,950**

### OSWESTRY



A Two bedroom Terraced Property ideal for the Town Centre. Two reception Rooms, Kitchen, 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Attic Room, Cellar. Gardens to the rear. An ideal opportunity for a first time buyer or investor.

**£105,000**

### OSWESTRY



A well presented deceptively spacious 3 bedroom family house situated in a quiet cul de sac position well placed for access to Oswestry centre. Briefly comprising Entrance hall, through Lounge, Dining Room, Conservatory, Study/Breakfast Room, Cloaks w.c., Utility, Bathroom, separate W.C., Gas heating, double glazing, good sized pleasant gardens, useful hardstanding to the side ideal for a caravan etc. Garage, off road parking.

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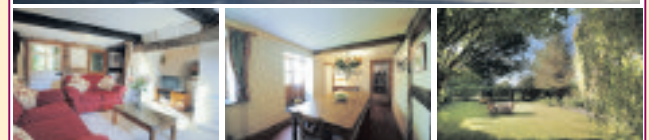
### FRONCYSYLTE



- Two bedroom detached cottage
- in a semi rural location
- Views over the Dee Valley
- Double glazing, oil central heating,
- gardens to front and side
- Off road parking. Viewing highly recommended

**£129,995**

### MEIFOD



- 4 bedroom period village house
- Set in approximately 0.469 acre plot backing onto fields
- Also WITH ANNEXE (The Coach House) with planning permission for conversion into a 3 bedroom dwelling
- Both properties can be purchased separately or as a whole
- VIEWING ESSENTIAL

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### LLANMYNECH



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Enclosed Rear Garden  
Walking Distance Of Town Centre  
Scope For Off Road Parking  
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£219,950

### WEM



Spacious Family Home situated in a small cul-de-sac  
● UPVC Double Glazing  
● Gas Fired Central Heating  
● Oilroom  
● Three Reception Rooms  
● Kitchen and Utility  
● Four Bedrooms  
● Detached Garage with Ample Parking  
● Large Corner Plot  
● Scope for Improvement  
JJD801

£245,000

### PANT



Individually designed highly appointed three bedroom detached house  
● O/F C/H, D/G  
● Lounge & Study  
● Breakfast Kitchen & Utility  
● Sun Room  
● Bathroom & En-Suite  
● Garage & Car Parking  
● Good Sized Garden Plot  
● Extensive Views Down Severn Valley  
JJD782

PRICE ON APPLICATION £0

### OSWESTRY



Well Appointed Three Bedroom Detached House Occupying Attractive Corner Plot In Quiet Area Overlooking The Town  
● GFCH UPVC DG  
● Large Lounge/Dining Room  
● Kitchen  
● Three Beds  
● Garage Car Port  
● Extensive Parking  
● Lawned And Patio Gardens  
JJD789

£169,950

### PANT, NR. OSWESTRY



● Oil Fired Central Heating  
● Entrance Porch  
● Lounge/Dining Room  
● Breakfast/Kitchen  
● Three Bedrooms  
● Bathroom  
● Enclosed Front Garden  
● Parking for 4/5 cars  
● Includes B/Plot with Full P/P for Dwelling  
JJD807

£350,000

### WHITTINGTON



● Three Bed. Semi-Det. House  
● GFCH & D/Glazing  
● Kitchen And Lounge  
● Garage Converted To Well Equipped Office  
● Ample Car Parking  
● Front And Rear Lawned Gardens  
● Modern Residential Development  
● 5% Deposit Paid  
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£154,950

### OSWESTRY



Renovated Three Bedroom detached bungalow located Within Walking Distance of the Town  
● Gas Fired Central Heating  
● Double Glazing  
● Reception Hall  
● Lounge  
● New Fitted Kitchen  
● Three Bedrooms  
● Garage  
● Front and Rear Gardens  
JJD800

£154,950

### OSWESTRY



● Prime Town Centre Shop Unit  
● 16' Overall Frontage  
● Sales Area and Rear Store Room  
● Extensive Living Accommodation  
● Potential for Development  
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£260,000

### OSWESTRY



Three Bedroom Detached Bungalow Occupying a Quiet Elevated Position Within Walking Distance of The Town  
● Gas Fired Central Heating  
● Double Glazing  
● Lounge/Dining Room  
● Three Bedrooms  
● Garden Room  
● Garage  
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£154,950

### OSWESTRY



Det. bungalow in established residential area  
● UPVC D/G  
● Sitting room  
● Kitchen  
● 2 Bedrooms  
● Bathroom  
● Good size car port  
● Off road parking  
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### RHOSYGADFA, NR. GOBOWEN



Most attractive award winning barn conversion  
● OFCH & D/G  
● 3 Reception Rooms  
● 4 Beds & 2 Bathrooms  
● 5 Acres  
● Separate Cottage  
● Useful Outbuilding  
● Splendid views of countryside  
● And Shropshire Union Canal  
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### OSWESTRY



Detached three bedroom family house in sought after residential area  
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● Reception Hall  
● Kitchen & utility  
● Sitting room & Lounge  
● Dressing room  
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EPC RATING E  
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5 BED DET HOUSE  
NO CHAIN  
3 RECEPTION ROOMS  
EPC RATING D  
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**Gwynfryn**  
**Llanfechain**  
4 BED DET COTTAGE  
3 RECEPTION ROOMS  
PERIOD FEATURES  
EPC RATING D  
**OIRO £269,950**



**Glyn Ceirlog GLASCOED**  
3/4 BED DET BUNGALOW  
2 RECEPTION ROOMS  
ENVIABLE VIEWS  
EPC RATING E  
**OFFERS OVER £249,995**



**Selattyn FIR BANK**  
4 BED DET HOUSE  
SPLIT LEVEL PROPERTY  
OIL CENTRAL HEATING  
EPC RATING D  
**OIRO £249,950**



**Four Crosses 5 CHESTNUT CLOSE**  
4 BED DET HOUSE  
3 RECEPTION ROOMS  
CONSERVATORY  
EPC RATING D  
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**Morda 9 NANT-Y-CAWS**  
2 BED CHARACTER COTTAGE  
2 RECEPTION ROOMS  
EPC RATING G  
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3 BED DET BUNGALOW  
NO CHAIN  
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**Oswestry 1 CHARLES PARRY CLOSE**  
3 BED DET HOUSE  
OPEN PLAN LIVING AREA  
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**Gobowen WALNUT HOUSE**  
4 BED SEMI-DET HOUSE  
NO CHAIN  
SELF CONTAINED ANNEX  
EPC RATING D  
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**Oswestry 51 HENLEY DRIVE**  
4BED DET HOUSE  
2 RECEPTION ROOMS  
UTILITY  
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**Oswestry 20 CROXON RISE**  
3 BED DET BUNGALOW  
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LIVING ROOM/ DINER  
EPC RATING D  
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**Weston Rhyn MEADOW VIEW**  
3 BED DET BUNGALOW  
CONSERVATORY  
GAS CENTRAL HEATING  
EPC RATING D  
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**Weston Rhyn 19 LONG CROFT**  
3 BED SEMI-DET HOUSE  
NO CHAIN  
2 RECEPTION ROOMS  
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3 BED DET BUNGALOW  
NO CHAIN  
MODERN KITCHEN  
EPC RATING D  
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**Oswestry 1 CAMBRIAN MEWS**  
2/3 BEDROOM END TOWN HOUSE  
NO CHAIN  
EPC RATING B  
OPEN PLAN LIVING SPACE  
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**Oswestry 15 BROOKHOUSE ROAD**  
3 BED SEMI-DET HOUSE  
NO CHAIN  
CONSERVATORY  
EPC RATING C  
**OIRO £139,950**



**St Martins 22 CHURCHFIELDS**  
3 BED SEMI-DET HOUSE  
NO CHAIN  
CONSERVATORY  
EPC RATING C  
**OIRO £139,950**



**Oswestry 21 MANDIR CLOSE**  
3 BED SEMI-DET HOUSE  
DOWNSTAIRS W.C  
GAS CENTRAL HEATING  
EPC RATING C  
**OIRO £139,950**



**Oswestry 2 CAMBRIAN MEWS**  
2/3 BEDROOM TOWN HOUSE  
NO CHAIN  
EPC RATING B  
OPEN PLAN LIVING SPACE  
**£137,950**



**Trefonen 18 SCHOOL LANE**  
3 BED SEMI-DET HOUSE  
NO CHAIN  
DOWNSTAIRS W/C  
EPC RATING D  
**OIRO £129,950**



**Oswestry 18 BEECHES AVENUE**  
3 BED SEMI-DET HOUSE  
2 RECEPTION ROOMS  
KITCHEN/DINER  
EPC RATING  
**OIRO £129,950**



**Oswestry 28 REGENT COURT**  
2 BED 2ND FLOOR APARTMENT  
NO CHAIN  
EPC RATING C  
LIVING/DINING ROOM  
**OIRO £118,500**



**Oswestry 36 BROOKHOUSE ROAD**  
2 BED SEMI-DET BUNG  
NO CHAIN  
SOUGHT AFTER LOCATION  
EPC RATING D  
**Offers Over £110,000**



**Oswestry 25 UPPER BROOK STREET**  
TWO BED TERRACE  
THREE STOREY  
TOWN LOCATION  
EPC RATING D  
**OIRO £109,950**



**Oswestry 2 SHELF BANK COTTAGES**  
2 BED TERRACE  
2 RECEPTION ROOMS  
MODERNISED  
EPC RATING D  
**OIRO £109,950**



**Oswestry 6 PARK TERRACE**  
2 BED TERRACE HOUSE  
NO CHAIN  
MODERN KITCHEN  
EPC RATING C  
**OIRO £103,950**



**Oswestry 96 UPPER CHURCH STREET**  
2 BED DET BUNGALOW  
GAS CENTRAL HEATING  
ENCLOSED GARDEN  
EPC RATING D  
**PCM £550**



**Oswestry 58 WEST PLACE**  
3 BED SEMI-DET HOUSE  
OFF ROAD PARKING  
PVC DOUBLE GLAZING  
EPC RATING D  
**PCM £525**



**Oswestry 15 MEWS COTTAGES**  
2 BED MEWS COTTAGE  
CONSERVATORY  
OFF ROAD PARKING  
EPC RATING E  
**PCM £475**



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TWO BEDROOMS  
NO PETS  
EPC RATING E  
**£400**



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REAR COURTYARD  
EPC RATING D  
**PCM £375**



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KITCHEN/ BREAKFAST ROOM  
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- Garage & greenhouse, in its own gardens & grounds with rural views

Lower Frankton Nr Oswestry £200,000



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### NO CHAIN

- A comfortably appointed Family Detached Bungalow
- Situated in the heart of the popular Village of Llanymynech
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- Double glazing, Oil fired c/h, Garage, Gardens and Grounds

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### NO CHAIN

- A most comfortably appointed and spacious Semi Detached Bungalow
- Situated in a much sought after cul de sac close to the town centre
- Entrance Hall, Sitting Room, Conservatory, Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Family Bathroom, 2 Ground Fir Bedrms, 1st Fir Bedrm with En-Suite WC
- Double glazing, gas fired central heating, easily maintained gardens

Park Street Close Oswestry £139,950



### NO CHAIN

- A most comfortably appointed and well presented 3 Storey Townhouse
- Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Sitting/Dining Room, Separate Kitchen
- Large Master Bedroom with En-Suite, Further Bedroom, Family Bathroom
- Second Floor Landing, Two Excellent Bedrooms, Shower Room
- Gas C/H, Double glazing, Garage
- Garden to rear, in superb order throughout

Barber Close Oswestry £174,950



### Sweeney Drive Morda

- An immaculate, spacious and well maintained Detached House
- Situated in a prime location within the Village of Morda
- Ent Hall, Cloaks, Sitting Rm, Dining Rm, Kitchen/Breakfast Rm, Utility
- 4 Excellent Bedrooms, Family Bathrm, En-Suite Shower Rm
- D/G, Gas C/H, immaculate gardens to fore & rear
- Parking for several vehicles, single garage.

£199,950



The Wood Maesbrook £199,950

- A most comfortably appointed and spacious Detached Bungalow situated in an idyllic rural position adjacent to open countryside
- Ent Porch, Ent Hall, Sitting Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Rm, Large Conservatory, Two Bedrooms, Shower Room
- Large garden with double garage, greenhouses & store sheds

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Ellesmere Road St. Martins £249,995



### NEW - NO CHAIN



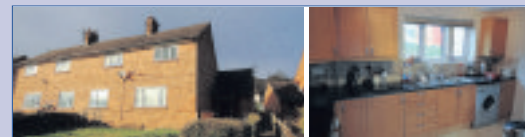
- A spacious and well presented 4 Bedroom Family Home within the village of St Martins
- The property has been extensively renovated and finished to the highest of specification
- Large Kitchen/Dining Room, Utility Room and Ground Floor Shower Room
- Large Lounge contains a feature fireplace with wood burning stove
- 4 Bedrooms (master en-suite) together with a Large Family Bathroom
- Gravel driveway provides ample parking, a good sized lawned garden

Cross Street Oswestry £110,000



### NEW

- A well located Retail Shop Premises situated in a prime location in the Town Centre
- A large Shop/Sales Area together with Rear Shop and Sales, Storeroom
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- Rear Yard and separate Rear Pedestrian access



### NEW - NO CHAIN

- A spacious Three bedroom Semi-Detached Property situated in an elevated position with outstanding views over the surrounding countryside
- Lounge, Kitchen/Dining Room, Ground Floor Family Bathroom and 3 Bedrooms
- Externally the property has a large storage room adjoining the main house and good size gardens to the front and rear
- uPVC double glazing throughout and solid fuel central heating

Bronwylla Llanymynech £129,995



### NO CHAIN

- A most delightfully position Detached Residential Bungalow set within large gardens and grounds just on the edge of Morda towards Coed-y-Go being only one mile from Oswestry.
- The generous property includes which requires some modernisation, Sitting Room, Dining Room, Sun Room, Kitchen, Rear Lobby/Utility together with Three Bedrooms and Shower Room.
- Oil fired Central Heating, garage, a Triple Loose Box with adjoining Garage, Small Paddock. Views over open fields to the rear.

Coed-Y-Go Oswestry £250,000



### LARGE GARDEN

- A most delightful Detached Country Cottage set adjacent to open countryside in a picturesque location
- Sitting Room, Dining Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room. Three Bedrooms, Family Bathroom
- LP Gas C/H. Double Glazing, Off road parking, Fully enclosed good size rear gardens
- The cottage has undergone electrical rewiring and a modern LP gas central heating system is installed while further improvements have been made by way of new kitchen and bathroom suites.

Ball Lane Maesbury £229,500



### NO CHAIN

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Park Street Close Oswestry £139,950



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### NO CHAIN

- A most spacious and comfortably appointed Semi-Detached House
- The accommodation is excellent order throughout
- Entrance Hall, Sitting Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Large Conservatory
- Three Bedrooms, Family Bathroom. Double glazing, Gas C/H
- Garage and parking lawned garden to fore with enclosed garden to rear

Powis Avenue Oswestry £135,000



### NEW PRICE - NO CHAIN

- A lovely Semi-Detached Modern Bungalow
- Entrance Hall with Cloaks, Sitting Room/Dining Room
- Kitchen with appliances, Central Hallway leading to 2 Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom. Gas C/H, Double glazing
- Car port, delightful fully enclosed garden to the rear
- PVC clad for easy maintenance.

Ambleside Road Morda £132,500



### NO CHAIN

- A most spacious, traditional Detached House set within a popular location convenient to the town
- Entrance Hall, Sitting Room with Bay, Dining Room with Sun Room, Kitchen, Rear Lobby with WC
- Three Excellent Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Separate WC. Gas fired central heating, garage from a separate driveway.

Weston Avenue Oswestry £174,950



### NO CHAIN

- A well positioned and most comfortably appointed Family Detached Bungalow
- Entrance Hall. A sunny Sitting/Dining Rm, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Luxury Bathroom
- D/G, Gas C/H, PVC low maintenance barges and soffits
- Single Garage, Garden to fore and enclosed private garden & lawn to rear

Hampton Fields Oswestry £169,950

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**Rhoswel, Oswestry**

An attractive Grade II Listed residence dating back to 1620 having been renovated, set within beautiful gardens and grounds. Hall, farmhouse style kitchen, utility room/back kitchen, boot room/tack room, dining room, drawing room, study, cellar, Jacobean oak staircase, six bedrooms, family bathroom, shower room. Enclosed stable yard with tack room, two loose boxes and adjacent feed store, large parking area, coach house with garaging and large studio above, two bay dutch barn, two paddocks. EPC Band: G. For further details contact 01691 655334.

**Guide Price: £630,000**

2910


**Lladrinio, Llanyrnech**


**WITH ADJOINING  
2 ACRE PADDOCK**

An individually designed detached family house set in good sized gardens with adjoining two acre paddock (further land available by separate negotiation), having indoor swimming pool set in separate detached block with adjoining offices and integral single garage. It also has a further attached double garage, oil CH and PVC DG. Hall, sitting room, dining room, family room/study, large sun room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, cloakroom, four double bedrooms, two en-suite shower rooms, family bathroom. Conveniently situated on the outskirts of the village and within easy travelling distance of Oswestry, Shrewsbury and Welshpool. EPC Band: D

**Guide Price: £525,000**

3078


**Llanyblodwel, Oswestry**

A detached Grade II Listed country property, which has been renovated over recent years retaining the character and features of the original building. Entrance hall with cloak lobby, sitting room having the original stone fire surround, dining room, living room, kitchen, utility room, gallery landing, master bedroom, guest bathroom, second floor spacious bedroom/games/office area. Outside there is an independent office/library. Gardens to the front and rear, ample parking, garage. EPC Band: G. For further information contact 01691 655334.

**Guide Price: £450,000**

2858


**Llansantffraid**

A detached property which has been totally re-designed and refurbished to make a spacious family home or as a small luxury B&B which is what it is currently being utilised for. Reception hall, feature central hallway, sitting room, conservatory, large dining room, study suite, small gym, kitchen/breakfast room, family room, laundry room, downstairs bedroom with en-suite shower room, mezzanine landing/sitting area, three double bedrooms with en-suite bathroom/shower rooms. PVC DG, propane gas CH, triple carport, easily maintained gardens, ample parking. EPC Band: D

**Guide Price: £425,000**

2991



**SET IN APPROX  
2.5 ACRES**

**Penyarregg Lane, Pant**

A substantial detached mature bungalow, set in good sized gardens and wooded dingle extending to approx 2.5 acres in total. Feature reception hall, sitting room, lounge, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, master bedroom with en suite shower room, two further bedrooms, family bathroom. Large double garage, oil CH, PVC DG to the majority of windows. It occupies a convenient location on the outskirts of the village within walking distance of local amenities. EPC Band: E. PART EXCHANGE CONSIDERED

**Guide Price: £365,000**

2962


**Edgerley, Oswestry**


A charming, Grade II Listed detached period cottage with self contained annexe/garage block. Hall, living room, dining room, family/games room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility, WC, master bedroom with en-suite bathroom, two further bedrooms, family bathroom. Parking, gardens extending to approx 0.6 acre including greenhouse and polytunnel. Occupying a pleasant rural location in the hamlet of Edgerley, about 12 miles from Shrewsbury and Oswestry. EPC Band: E

**Guide Price: £359,950**

2717


**Haughton, Lladrinio**

A four bedroom detached property offering good sized accommodation, having oil CH and pleasant rural outlooks to the rear. Entrance hall, sitting room with inglenook fireplace, dining room with inglenook fireplace, study, kitchen/breakfast room, utility, downstairs cloakroom, three good sized double bedrooms and one large single bedroom, and family bathroom. Situated with adjoining paddock extending to approximately 3.75 acres or thereabouts. EPC Band: E

**Guide Price: £350,000**

1962


**Edgerley, Nr Oswestry**

A luxury barn conversion nearing completion, part of a small development of just 4 units, set in the hamlet of Edgerley. Reception hall, downstairs cloakroom, large sitting room, large dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, three double bedrooms, all with en-suites (to be fitted), family bathroom. Wood framed DG, detached double garage. A small adjoining paddock is available by separate negotiation. EPC Band: C

**Guide Price: £325,000**

2897


**Kinnerley, Oswestry**


A deceptively spacious dormer style house, offering extensive adaptable accommodation; L-shaped reception hall, sitting room, sun room, large dining room, kitchen, downstairs double bedroom, downstairs bathroom, large study/landing bedroom, double bedroom with dressing room/bedroom 4, further double bedroom, second bathroom. Some wood framed DG, oil fired CH, large double tandem attached garage, extensive off street parking, extremely good sized private gardens. Occupying an extremely convenient central location in this popular village, within easy walking distance of good local amenities. EPC Band: F

**Guide Price: £299,950**

3115


**Crickheath, Oswestry**

A charming detached country property with attractive garden and grounds set along the disused Montgomery Canal. Hall, sitting room, dining room, kitchen breakfast room, back kitchen/utility, boot room, four double bedrooms, single bedroom/study, family bathroom, unfitted shower room. Three bay barn and store, small grass turnout paddock, garden store, ample parking. Occupying a tranquil position in this rural hamlet. EPC Band: E. For further details contact 01691 655334.

**Guide Price: £299,000**

2903


**Crickheath, Oswestry**

A charming detached property, built at the same time as the Montgomery Canal, with spacious well maintained accommodation offering original cottage features. It occupies tranquil location and rural aspect make this an ideal rural retreat. There is a useful garden store, garage and greenhouses, together with a summerhouse, the garden is mainly laid to lawn intersected with mature shrubs and trees, hall, sitting room, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility, three bedrooms, en-suite shower room, family bathroom. EPC Band: F. For further details contact 01691 655334.

**Guide Price: £295,000**

**Horsemarket, Oswestry**

An impressive spacious semi-detached period property restored to an exceptional standard, set in a convenient central town oasis location, within a part of Oswestry that is a conservation area. The well planned accommodation briefly comprises; entrance hall, drawing room, dining room, large breakfast kitchen, utility and ironing room, cellar, luxury fitted bathroom with double shower and roll top bath, and four double bedrooms. Fine gardens, grounds and patio, external parking for three cars. EPC Band: E. For further details contact 01691 655334.

**Guide Price: £250,000**

**Maesbury, Oswestry**

A character public house with a friendly family atmosphere and a wealth of character features. Two large lounge bar areas, games room (previously used as a dining area), central bar area, equipped kitchen and associated store rooms, spacious private accommodation. Large outdoor area with ample parking for around 20 cars, paddock which could be utilised as a beer garden or camping area. Fronting onto Maesbury Road, less than a mile off the A463 which is a busy thoroughfare, The Original Ball is free of tie and provides a rare opportunity to purchase a freehold popular public house with scope to expand the business. EPC Band: E. For further details contact 01691 655334.

**Guide Price: £247,500**

**Maesbury, Oswestry**

A deceptively spacious semi-detached family house, having oil CH, uPVC DG, single garage, and front and side gardens. The property occupies a delightful semi-rural position on the fringe of Maesbury, surrounded by lovely rural countryside and enjoying countryside views. Entrance hall, living room, dining room, kitchen, large pantry, utility room, ground floor WC, landing, four bedrooms, en-suite shower room, and family bathroom. EPC Band: F

**Guide Price: £199,950**

3097


**Lilac Grove, Oswestry**

A well appointed and hugely extended, end of terrace house, uPVC DG, gas CH, and very large rear garden. It occupies a pleasant and very convenient position within short distance local amenities. The accommodation must be viewed to appreciate the size of this property; hall, large through living room, separate snug/family room, large L-shaped kitchen/dining room, three double bedrooms, en-suite shower room, family bathroom, separate WC. EPC Band: D

**Guide Price: £145,000**

2941


**Roundwood Close, Oswestry**

A spacious extended semi-detached property offering affordable four bedroom accommodation, with gas CH wood framed DG, and ample private off street parking. Entrance hall, sitting room/dining room, kitchen, good size utility room, timber and brick constructed conservatory, landing, four bedrooms, family bathroom. It occupies a quiet end of cul-de-sac position with enclosed gardens to the rear with small greenhouse. EPC Band: D

**Guide Price: £139,500**

2985


**Gobowen, Oswestry**

A spacious leasehold three bedroom first floor flat having gas CH, partial uPVC DG, garden with shed and two off-cial parking spaces. The property occupies a convenient position in the centre of Gobowen, having a range of amenities within short distance. It is accessible to the railway station and Oswestry and within short driving distance of Shrewsbury and Welshpool. Ground floor entrance hall with stairs to large first floor landing, delightful living room, modern well equipped kitchen/breakfast room, good size bathroom with WC and three bedrooms. EPC Band: E

**Guide Price: £115,000**

3077


**Four Crosses, Llanyrnech**

An end of terrace mature cottage, requiring some modernisation and upgrading, with sitting room, kitchen, downstairs shower room and bedroom. The property has parking for up to four cars with small enclosed gardens to the rear. The property occupies a central position in the village, close to a range of local amenities and conveniently located for travel to Shrewsbury, Oswestry and Welshpool. EPC Band: G

**Guide Price: £70,000**

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**3 Lime Grove, Oswestry**

**£74,995**

- First floor two bedroom flat
- Gas-fired central heating, Double glazed
- Good sized lawned gardens, Brick built garden store
- Established well served residential estate
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- Energy Efficiency Rating = 66

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**£130,000**

- Three Bedroom Mid-Terrace Family House.
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- Enclosed Rear Lawn with storage sheds.
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**Lower Brook St, Oswestry**

**£170,000**

- Town Centre Office Accommodation
- Approx 150 sqm (1600 sq ft) floor space
- Car parking at rear for up to 5 vehicles
- Gas-fired central heating and intruder alarm
- Well maintained accommodation throughout
- Energy Performance Asset Rating = 110

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**Crossing Cottage, Whittington**

**£144,950**

- Grade II Listed Former Crossing Cottage
- Modern character accommodation
- Gas C/H. Kitchen, bathroom, w.c
- Two bedrooms and two receptions
- Ample on-site parking and gardens
- Energy Efficiency Rating = 44

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3 Bed Det Cottage, Garden, Parking, FTE, No Pets. (EER=18)	£500 pcm
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3 Bed Semi-Det House, Gas C/H, Garage, FTE, No Pets. (EER=65)	£595 pcm
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2 Bed Mid-Terrace House, Garden, Parking, FTE, No Pets. (EER=72)	£395 pcm
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3 Bed Semi-Det Bungalow, Oil C/H, Garage, FTE, No Pets (EER=58)	£450 pcm
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3 Bed Det Bungalow, Gas C/H, Garage, FTE, No Pets. (EER=60)	£540 pcm
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## LLANFYLLIN

2 Bed Mid-Terrace House, Gas C/H, Parking, FTE, No Pets. (EER=77)	£375 pcm
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2 Bed Semi-Det House, Gas C/H, Parking, FTE, No Pets, (EER=65)	£450 pcm
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### Smale Rise, Oswestry



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**Offers in Region £145,000**

### Churchfields, St Martins



**..PRICED FOR QUICK SALE..** Richmond Harvey Properties are delighted to release this modern 2 bedroom link detached bungalow to the market which enjoys a pleasant village location and briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Lounge/Dining Room, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Attractive Bathroom, Gas Fired Central Heating, Double Glazing, Landscaped Gardens, Driveway and Garage. Viewing fully recommended by the owners agents.

**Offers in Region of £135,950**



**Ifton Fields, St Martins**  
**..OFFERS INVITED..** - Enjoying a pleasant cul-de-sac location a most well appointed and deceptively spacious 2 bed mid terraced property which needs to be viewed to appreciate the excellent accommodation. Driveway to the fore and neatly landscaped garden to rear.

**Offers in Region of £114,950**



**Sweeney Drive, Morda**  
 A modern 4 bedroom detached family house which enjoys a pleasant cul-de-sac location within this popular development and benefits from two reception rooms, an attractive kitchen, utility and WC, master bedroom Ensuite, three further bedrooms and family bathroom. Neatly landscaped gardens, driveway providing ample off-street parking and garage. Gas Fired Central Heating, Double Glazing. **TRULY A MUST SEE PROPERTY!!**

**Offers in Region of £199,950**



**Belle Vue, Morda**  
 3 bedroom semi detached house which briefly comprises: Porch, Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Lounge with feature fireplace, Breakfast Kitchen, Conservatory, First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms, Re-Fitted Bathroom, Gas Fired Central Heating, PVC Double Glazing, Driveway and off-road parking to front and rear, garage and low maintenance gardens. Viewing fully recommended.

**Offers in the region of £147,000**



**Roft Street, Oswestry**  
 3 bedroom detached Victorian town house which has been sympathetically improved over the years by the present owners yet still retaining a wealth of character features. The property offers the discerning buyer the opportunity to purchase a truly delightful family residence offering central town living. **EARLY VIEWING FULLY RECOMMENDED.**

**Offers in Region of £239,950**



**Monkmoor Road, Oswestry**  
 2 bedroom detached bungalow which enjoys a convenient location for local amenities and transport links together with most attractively landscaped gardens. The property briefly comprises: Entrance Lobby, Spacious Lounge/Dining Room (incorporating former third bedroom), Kitchen Breakfast Room, Inner Hall, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom, Gas Fired Central Heating, Double Glazing where stated, Driveway, Carport and Garage.

**Offers in the Region of £166,950**



**Beresford Gardens, Oswestry**  
 Richmond Harvey Properties Ltd are delighted to introduce this modern three storey townhouse situated within a short walking distance from the town centre amenities, the property briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Downstairs WC, Living/Dining Room, Kitchen, First Floor with Master Bedroom, Further Bedroom and Family Bathroom, Second Floor comprising Two Double Bedrooms and Family Bathroom. The property benefits from Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing where stated.

**Offers in the Region of £179,995**



**Edward Street, Oswestry**  
 Semi detached house which offers a convenient location. The property briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Living Room, Sitting Room, Dining Room, Walk In Pantry, Kitchen, Lean To with WC and Built in Store, First Floor Landing, 3/4 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Rear Yard, Gas Fired Central Heating, NO CHAIN.

**Offers in Region of £164,995**



**Valley Court, Morda Road**  
 A beautifully improved and substantial detached Victorian residence. Comprising: Reception Hall, Inner Hall, Cloakroom, Cellar, Drawing Room, Dining Room, Breakfast Room, Family Room, Elegant Kitchen, Sun-Hall, Utility, Rear Cloakroom, Sixth, Spacious Landing, Master Bedroom with Ensuite, Bedroom Two with Dressing Room, Walk-in Wardrobe and Ensuite, Three further Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Ample Open Plan Living Room/Dining Room/Kitchen, First Floor Bedroom, Bathroom and Shower, Gymnasium with Bar, Landscaped Gardens with Sweeping Driveway and Triple Garage.

**Guide Price £850,000**



**Bwlch-y-ddar, Llangedwyn**  
 4 bedroom detached smallholding set in approx 8 acres enjoying far reaching countryside views with accommodation comprising: Entrance Porch, Living Room with feature fireplace, Sitting Room, Breakfast Kitchen, Side Lobby, Ground Floor Bedroom 4, Wet Room, First Floor Landing, Three Further Bedrooms and Bathroom, Oil Fired Central Heating, Cottage style garden, Open Fronted Workshop, Car Port and Two Grass Paddock. Viewing Recommended.

**Offers in Region of £385,000**



**Milars Field, Oswestry**  
 A five bedroom executive detached house (Former Show-Home) Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Living Room, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Utility, Master Bedroom with Dressing Area and En-Suite, Guest Bedroom with En-Suite, and three further bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Gas Fired CH, PVC DG, Double width driveway, Double Garage and Gardens.

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**The Hollies, Church Lane, St Martins**  
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**Price Guide £450,000**



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**Peverel Drive, Whittington**  
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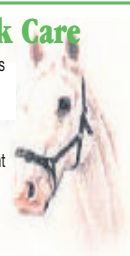
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### Deaths

#### BECKETT James Herbert (Jim)

Of Platt Lane, Whixall. Passed away in hospital on January 17, 2013, aged 97 years. Loved Father of Margaret, Joan and Susan and a much loved Grandfather, Great-Grandfather and Great-Great-Grandfather.

Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Whixhall on Monday, January 28, 2013, at 11.30am, followed by Interment in the Churchyard.

Family flowers only please but donations, if desired, to St Mary's Church, Whixall and the Severn Hospice.

Inquiries please to the Funeral Directors  
E J EDGERTON & SON  
01948 710286 or 01691 624444.

#### BIGGS

Margaret Eleanor Passed away peacefully on January 15, 2013, aged 96 years.

Much loved Mother of Peter and the late Deirdre and a loving Grandmother.

Funeral Service at Emstrey Crematorium, Shrewsbury, on Wednesday, January 30, at 11am.

Family flowers only, donations if desired to The League of Friends at The Royal Shrewsbury Hospital.

All inquiries to  
DAVID DAVIES & SONS  
Telephone 01691 653116.

#### WALTERS Brenda

Wife of the late William Neville, Mother of Rob and formerly of Longden Road, Shrewsbury. Passed away at The Vyrnwy Nursing Home. The Funeral Service will be held in Llandysilio Church, Four Crosses on Friday, January 25, at 11am, followed by Interment in the Churchyard.

Family flowers only are requested, however your very kind donations will help start the School House Restoration Project at Llandysilio.

All inquiries please to  
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#### WARD

Christopher Raymond  
(Ray)

Of Grange Road, Shrewsbury. Passed away suddenly on January 11, 2013. Devoted Husband of Pat, dearly loved Father of Christopher, Jonathan and Rosemary. Ray will be sadly missed by all of his loving Family and Friends.

Requiem Mass at St Winefride's Catholic Church, Monkmoor, Shrewsbury on Friday, February 1, 2013, at 10am, followed by Cremation.

Family flowers only please, donations, if wished, to be divided between CAFOD and The M.S. Society, for which purpose a collection box will be provided at the Church.

Inquiries please to

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#### THOMAS

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Gwyneth, Claire, Alison and Myles wish to thank Family, Friends and Neighbours for their support, kind messages and cards expressing sympathy following the sudden and very sad loss of a dear Husband and Father, their attendance at the Funeral and the most generous donations.

Special thanks to the Rev. Joan Rowe for her love, support and prayers at this very difficult time and Aubrey Kirkham, Funeral Director, for his sensitivity, guidance and professionalism.

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# Growing reputation for professional websites



Alison and Patrick Barnes, of Moghill Web Services.

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Patrick said: "A lot of web designers focus too much on the visual or technical aspects of the sites they build and not enough on making sites easy to use."

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Patrick spent many years as a journalist before going on to manage websites for regional newspapers, the BBC and local government.

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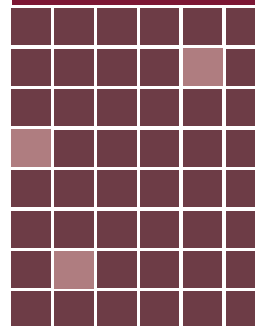
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# BUSINESS

## Clinic is on move to a bigger site

AFTER 20 years on Salop Road The Annandale Physiotherapy Clinic is moving to larger premises at 70 Willow Street, Oswestry.

Since setting up the business in 1991 Hilary Harness has seen the clinic's reputation grow, especially in the treatment of neck, back and sports injuries.

Having qualified in Sheffield in 1980 she eventually relocated to Oswestry and took up a position at The Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic.

In the early days of running the Clinic she also worked at Chirk Hospital and gained her qualifications in acupuncture.

Hilary said: "The new premises offer a real opportunity for expanding the business and I hope I'll be able to continue providing an effective and high quality service to the people of Oswestry."

## Shop has answer to stop smoking

AN OSWESTRY store is helping people stop smoking by selling electronic cigarettes. Totally Wicked E-Cigarettes have gone on sale at the Earthlink Gift Shop in Leg Street.

Shop owner Beverly Galway said: "We are offering people the chance to try out the products before purchasing and this is the best way to give up smoking and save yourself up to £2,500 a year. We don't think there is a downside to this product."

# Cinema boosts market day by showing matinee films

**OWNERS of a new digital cinema in Oswestry will be starting to show films on market day for shoppers.**

Kinokulture, based in Oswestry, has brought a digital DCI projection system for the Attfield Theatre, in the Guildhall on Bailey Head, from Canada to show top films.

Its programme of films are normally shown on a Saturday night but the company has decided to expand its services to people using the market in Oswestry on a Wednesday.

The idea came after company owners Ruth Carter and Ian Garland spoke with Oswestry Town Council's market manager David Clough. They have also heard from a number of residents from villages surrounding Oswestry expressing an interest. Ms Carter said some villagers are unable to go to the Saturday night screenings because of public transport limitations.

**by Graham Breeze**

## Parents offered benefits advice

THE high income Child Benefit tax charge was introduced on January 7, advises Richard Heath of DRE&CO Chartered Accountants.

Any couple who have an individual income of more than £50,000 may be liable to a tax charge if one of them is in receipt of Child Benefit.

In the event that both parties have an income of more than £50,000 the charge will apply only to the partner with the highest income.

For taxpayers with an income of between £50,000 and £60,000 the amount of the charge will be one per cent of the Child Benefit received for every £100 of income over £50,000.

Richard warned that taxpayers may be at risk of paying penalties for failing to inform HM Revenue and Customs of their liability. Taxpayers who consider that they will be affected by this charge should seek advice from their accountants, he commented.

Ms Carter said: "We wanted to support Oswestry Town Market and increase the cultural offer in town and in the Guildhall. We felt that Wednesday would be the ideal day as the Town Museum is also open to the public on that day."

"The season will currently run on a monthly basis with support from Creative England through The National Lottery and the British Film Institute."

"Market day matinee screenings will take place on either the third or fourth Wednesday of each month for a year during this trial period."

The season launched yesterday, Wednesday, with the film Anna Karenina. February's Market Day matinee film is still to be confirmed. In March the film will be Quartet directed by Dustin Hoffman and starring Dame Maggie Smith, Tom Courtney, Billy Connolly, Pauline Collins and Michael Gambon. This screening will be taking place as part of the Borderlines Film Festival.

Ms Carter said: "The screenings will start at 1.30pm enabling people from outlying villages to come into Oswestry and get home again on public transport. We hope this will help to support and enhance what Oswestry can offer on market days."

## Court Yard Cafe is up for sale



The Court Yard Cafe in Leg Street which is up for sale.

A VINTAGE-themed cafe in Oswestry has gone on the market for £35,000.

Karen Kettle, 51, has been owner of The Court Yard Cafe, in Leg Street, for the last six and a half years.

But she has made the tough decision to sell up to join her husband who has taken a job in Cornwall.

The former veterinary nurse runs the cafe serving breakfast, morning coffee, lunches, afternoon teas, chilled and soft drinks as well as lots of home made products and speciality teas.

She said: "The decision has been very hard, especially as Oswestry has a real community feel."

Richard Cooper said the building was on lease and Mrs Kettle was selling the business with its good will, fixtures and fittings.

He said it was on sale with offers around £35,000. Viewing is strictly through the letting agent Richard Cooper Chartered Surveyors. For more information call Mr Cooper on (01743) 361000 or 07772 264400 or by visiting [www.richardcooper.co.uk](http://www.richardcooper.co.uk)

## Help now available to defeat debt worry

A RECENT article in the Daily Mail has highlighted nearly half of all people paid for Christmas 2012 using credit.

With the festivities over, January is the month when people start review their spending habits and take stock of the true cost of Christmas.

Gary Sans, a chartered legal executive and debt expert with Oswestry law firm Lanyon Bowdler said: "Financially, times are hard, and Christmas can add a lot of pressure to an already stressful financial situation."

"Files of unopened envelopes, ignoring the phone, constant worry and sleepless nights – are just some of the symptoms of debt denial."

"The UK debt help market has never been busier, as a massive percentage of consumers continue to struggle to cope with their finances in the wake of the recession."

"If you find yourself in this black hole, you need to seek advice from an experienced debt professional. Lanyon Bowdler has the experience to guide you through this difficult time and help you to see the light at the end of the tunnel," said Mr Sans.

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## Patients sought for health project

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The project aims to explore the relationships between patients and their professional carers when they start using a range of telehealth technology.

Sophie Corbett, research assistant at the Institute of Rural Health in Newtown, said the project was an exciting look at the future of healthcare.

She said: "Technology might include going online to discuss medical condition with other sufferers in an internet forum, using a phone app that allows you to put in information about your pain and track it daily, sending blood pressure readings via a mobile or landline to your health centre."

"Technology is set to change the way we receive healthcare and in rural areas, this could bring care closer to patients' homes." To take part in the survey, contact Sophie on (01686) 629480.

# 200 motorists fail breath test in festive crackdown

**TWO HUNDRED motorists failed breath tests on the roads of Mid Wales during the annual Christmas crackdown, police said today.**

Out of 11,075 tests carried out by Dyfed Powys Police, 200 failed – the highest figure in the country, although the number has dropped eight per cent.

Welsh forces tested more than 35,000 drivers from December 1 to January 1, an increase of more than 7,700 tests and the number of people testing positive, failing or refusing a test was 502, a drop of 43, or nearly eight per cent, on 2011.

Dyfed Powys Police said it was 'disappointing to see a minority who are continuing to ignore the law'.

Wayne Tucker, police road safety officer, said: "Although there has been a marked increase in testing across Wales, it is still disappointing to see that some drivers are continuing to risk their lives and those of others by consuming alcohol and then getting behind the wheel of a vehicle."

"It is evident that a majority of drivers across Wales are responsible and law-abiding, however it is still disappointing to see a minority who are continuing to ignore the law."

"It cannot be stressed highly enough that any amount of drugs or alcohol can impair ability to judge speed and distance, and

**by Graham Breeze**

inevitably endanger the lives of other motorists."

He said officers across Wales would continue to target areas where drink driving was prevalent.

North Wales Police carried out the highest number of breath tests at 18,780, with 107 people testing positive, failing or refusing.

South Wales Police tested 3,703 people, and 156 were positive, failed or refused. In Gwent, there were 1,935 tests, with 39 being positive, failed or refused.

The number of under-25s arrested in 2012 remains unchanged at 142.

Sian George, Dyfed Powys Police spokeswoman, added: "Nearly one in six of all deaths on the road involve drivers who are over the legal alcohol limit."

"Drinking and driving occurs across a wide range of age groups but particularly among young men aged 17-29 in both casualties and positive breath tests."

## Gold medallist opens new sports facility



Tom James shows his medals to delighted pupils at Packwood.

DOUBLE Olympic gold medallist Tom James MBE returned to his former school to open its new sports facility.

The rower, who was part of the victorious men's coxless four rowing team at the London Olympics, visited Packwood Haugh School at Ruyton-XI-Towns.

School spokeswoman Cath Hammond said staff were delighted to wel-

come the sportsman back to the school he attended in the 1990s.

She said: "Tom also won gold in the same event in Beijing in 2008. He spoke to the children about his sporting career and gave them the chance to get a closer look at his Olympic medals."

"While at Packwood took part in a short hockey session with some pupils on the school's newly resurfaced all-

weather pitches and unveiled a plaque to officially open the facility."

Mr James was awarded the MBE in the 2009 New Year's Honours List. He first took up rowing at King's School, Chester and continued throughout his time at Cambridge University, where he was president of the boat club in 2007 when Cambridge triumphed over Oxford in the Boat Race.

## Event to mark 50 years of TV show

OSWESTRY could hold an event to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Doctor Who, it has emerged.

Councillor Martin Bennett, Oswestry Town Mayor, has used his Twitter account to ask people for suggestions.

He said if there was an event held in the town it should be in November as this was when the first episode of the cult TV show was aired in 1953.

He said that when the show celebrated its 10th anniversary he had created a display in Oswestry library.

He said: "The 50th anniversary is a big one."

"I have been thinking about doing something and rather than do something on my own I wondered if there was any support from any other Doctor Who fans in the area."

He said he had a few ideas and may meet with the town council's retail markets and events manager, David Clough, to discuss ideas.

"I think we are probably looking at a date around about November time," he said.

Councillor Bennett said he was unsure if there was any significant link between Oswestry and Dr Who, who is currently played by Matt Smith. He added that his own favourite Doctor was William Hartnell.

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## NEWS

## Meeting will hear latest on speeding

DATA from flashing speed signs in Pant will be shown to villagers tonight (Thursday) to illustrate how many vehicles speed in the area.

Shropshire Council officers will be journeying to Pant, near Oswestry, to discuss information recorded by two Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) installed in the village.

A long-time battle has been going on for a bypass to ease traffic and reduce speeding motorists on the A483 through Pant and Llanymynech near Oswestry.

The signs were installed as a deterrent to incoming traffic.

The VAS signs are set to flash at a motorist to warn them not to go over 30mph if they are going too fast.

It was hoped they would reduce the speed of traffic entering the village making it safer for those crossing the road to the village shop or to reach the doctors.

The signs also collect data about the speed, time and size of vehicle.

On January 24 officers from the unitary authority will be at Llanymynech and Pant Parish Council meeting at Bryn Offa Primary School in Pant at 7.15pm.

There will be 15 minutes at the beginning of the meeting for people to question officers about the signs and data.

## Tough year ahead as council must find millions in savings

**COUNCIL** chiefs in Powys have warned of a tough year ahead after being told the authority faces a £30 million reduction in its base budget over the next three years.

Powys County Council has been awarded a modest 0.3 per cent rise in its grant from the Welsh Assembly this year, which chiefs say is the lowest in Wales and means cuts will have to be made.

The Welsh Assembly has claimed the settlement was 'better than they expected' as last October it announced a provisional funding increase of 0.15 per cent.

by Andrew Morris

## Rotary Club is helping causes

THE Rotary Club of Oswestry has raised thousands of pounds for charity over the past month, and money is already being donated to good causes.

Recently the club gave £100 for the work of SADS, the charity for Sudden Arrhythmic Death Syndrome, following a talk to members by Anne Wilson.

She highlighted the appeal by the charity to make it obligatory for secondary schools to be equipped with a defibrillator.

Funds raised by the club's annual tree of light are to be shared by several charities including Hope House Children's Hospice, The County Air Ambulance Trust, The Cricket Federation for People with Disabilities, North Shropshire Special Olympics and Rotary good causes.

The amount collected in memory of loved ones by the tree of light was a record breaker with £4,022 raised compared to £2,317 last year.

The council will receive a grant settlement of £183 million from the Welsh Government for the financial year 2013/14, up from £178.1m for 2012/13. Funding is expected to fall considerably over the next three years.

Council leader Councillor David Jones said today: "Powys County Council faces a £30m reduction in the base budget over the next three years. This will be a tough budget but the cabinet are determined to move to fair provision across Powys."

"We will be looking to make savings but the bulk of those will fall to making efficiencies in the way the council is run."

A Welsh government spokeswoman said Local Government Minister Carl Sargeant acknowledged protecting local services was likely to be more difficult in the future.

"The Local Government Minister Carl Sargeant has said very clearly that the settlement the Welsh government delivered to local authorities in Wales is better than they expected and better than in England," she said.

"While the minister has powers to limit an individual authority's council tax rises if necessary, he expects authorities to act reasonably recognising the constraints that their residents are facing on their household budgets."

Last week Councillor Russell George said the council would have to find savings of £5million in the next year.

## African cycle adventure plans



Jennifer Cooper wants to raise £4,000 by taking on a mammoth challenge of cycling 400 miles across Africa.

A LLANFAIR Caereinion woman wants to raise £4,000 by cycling 400 miles across Africa.

Jennifer Cooper, from Llanfair Caereinion, has recently come out of remission after being diagnosed with Hodgkin Lymphoma in November 2007.

The 24-year-old now wants to give something back to the charity Macmillan Cancer Support which has helped her. So she has decided to don her bicycle clips next month and head to eastern Africa to take part in the

'Escape to Africa' challenge. She will join a group of 40 to cycle from the outskirts of Nairobi, Kenya to the Ngorongoro Crater in Tanzania.

Ms Cooper said: "I was diagnosed with Hodgkin Lymphoma in November 2007, when I was 19, and Macmillan supported me throughout my treatment."

To sponsor Jennifer go to [www.justgiving.com/Jennifer-Cooper2](http://www.justgiving.com/Jennifer-Cooper2) and to read more about her training and fundraising events go to [www.gingerwheels.blogspot.com](http://www.gingerwheels.blogspot.com)

## NEWS

in brief

## Carers invited to attend free course

CARERS are being invited to attend a free course.

Shropshire RCC, the Carers Support Service, will be running Safe Moving and Handling Course as part of its Learning Together workshops.

It will be held at the Guildhall, on Bailey Head in Oswestry on February 7 from 10am till 12.30pm.

Carers are invited to go along and meet other carers, learn in an informal, fun and informative way and share any experiences they may have.

The course has been funded by Skills for Carer and Dementia, Nutrition and Hydration and Emergency Planning courses.

For more information call (01743) 237888 or (01743) 341995.

## Friends of canals holding a dinner

MEMBERS of canal societies from across the region will hold their annual dinner near Oswestry on February 2.

The Friends of the Montgomery Canal have organised the dinner at Sweeney Hall, Morda.

Members of the Shropshire Union Canal Society and the Shrewsbury District and North Wales Branch of the Inland Waterways Association are very welcome to attend, with more information available from Mr Peter Richards on 01691 831455.

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# Closing the prison door for the very last time in county

**OUTDATED, largely Victorian, and very, very overcrowded, Shrewsbury Jail is a venerable old lady who has done her time – with a fair share of dark moments in her grisly past.**

Now those cell doors will soon clang shut for the last time as the jail, which has been at the heart of Shrewsbury for over 200 years, is closed, having outlived its usefulness, and having itself being condemned as too old and too costly to maintain.

The Dana has never had that ring which sends a chill down the spine, unlike, say, Dartmoor, Strangeways, and Holloway. Nevertheless, there will be many Salopians who have their own "inside story".

**by Toby Neal**



The scene at Shrewsbury Prison on the day of the county's final hanging in 1961.

For all its forbidding aspect, it is unlikely that old lags will have Shrewsbury down as one of the toughest institutions within the prison service. Even the prison food was once praised for its high standard in a "good jail guide".

The cells have integral sanitation – the days of slopping out are over – power, and television. Back in 2004 well-behaved inmates could enjoy the reward of being given a Freeview television box.

## Crowds

But Shrewsbury has a dark side. For many years it was a place of execution, which in older times was carried out in public and drew huge crowds. People used to turn up early to make sure they got a good place, and posters were produced as souvenirs.

Shrewsbury's last public hanging was on April 11, 1863, when 30-year-old Edward Cooper was executed for a murder at Baschurch.

It was particularly popular, with numbers watching nearly 10 times more than the previous execution, according to a Shrewsbury Chronicle report. The crowds were "perched as thickly as crows in a densely-populated rookery".

The 20th century saw eight executions, all for murder. The condemned men were: Richard Wigley, of Shrewsbury (executed March 18, 1902); Thomas Cox, of Ludlow



Keeping the inmates busy – mail bag sewing at the prison, dated from August 1964.

(December 19, 1917); William Griffiths, of Eccleshall (July 24, 1923); Frank Griffin, of Bolton (January 4, 1951); Harry Huxley, of Holt, near Wrexham (July 8, 1952); Donald Neil Simon, a former Canadian soldier, of Slough (October 23, 1952); Desmond Donald Hooper, of Atcham (January 26, 1954); and George Riley, of Shrewsbury (February 9, 1961). Those carried out in the 1950s were conducted by Albert Pierpoint, Britain's last, and most famous, hangman.

The practice was to bury the executed offender within the prison precincts.

During a redevelopment in 1972, the remains of 10 unnamed prisoners executed at Shrewsbury Prison were dug up. Nine were cremated and one set was handed over to relatives. This 10 would have been just

the tip of the iceberg – scores of prisoners were hanged at Shrewsbury, for crimes as minor as stealing sheep, and they included at least one woman. In April 1822 five prisoners were hanged for burglary in one day.

Escapes? Yes, those too, including an unusual escape in reverse in 1966 in which a man from Dawley actually scaled the perimeter wall and broke in to the jail. There has been at least one rooftop protest, and another famous rooftop incident when Santa Claus – actually prankster Paddy Podmore – scaled the walls and threw down gifts to the prisoners in December 1977.

Famous inmates have included one of the great train robbers, Robert Welch, who was there for a time in 1964 after being given a 30-year sentence.



One of the cells, pictured in 2010.



The main 'A wing' at Shrewsbury Prison.

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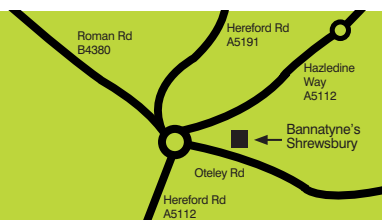
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## Position of police chief to be advertised

THE Police and Crime Commissioner for Dyfed-Powys has announced he is advertising the post of Chief Constable for Dyfed-Powys Police.

Commissioner Christopher Salmon will be the first Police and Crime Commissioner to appoint a Chief Constable in Wales since elections last November.

Commissioner Salmon, said: "The Chief Constable post has been filled in a temporary capacity since last year. This is because recruitment at chief officer ranks was put on hold until after the Police and Crime Commissioner elections.

"We are now in a position to start the recruitment process.

"I have kept the current Temporary Chief Constable informed of these plans throughout.

"My role is to ensure the public has full confidence in the police and that means recruiting the best person for this critical role. I am encouraging applications from officers across the country."

The closing date for applications will be February 6 and interviews will be held on February 21 and 22. It is anticipated the Commissioner will be in a position to announce the name of the successful candidate sometime in early March this year.

## Wildlife trust in the running to take over mereside venue

**WILDLIFE bosses have put in a bid to run a restaurant and visitor centre at a Shropshire beauty spot which attracts about 80,000 visitors a year.**

Shropshire Wildlife Trust has confirmed it has applied to take on the Boathouse next to the Mere in Ellesmere along with the current managers of the restaurant Kate and Richard Taylor.

The venue, which is jointly owned by Shropshire Council and Ellesmere Town Council, was put out to tender in November.

by Graham Breeze

## Series of talks at town church

LENT talks are being held in a church in Oswestry.

The weekly events will start next month at the Methodist Church, in Castle Street.

The first session will be at 7.30pm with the Reverend Mark Rylands on February 18 with the title Peter's Call.

The second talk will be on February 25 with the Reverend Ken Sykes on the topic Peter's Faith.

On March 4 Peter Bevington will speak on Peter's Privilege, on March 11 the Reverend Tony Sparham will speak on Peter's Denial and on March 18 Paul Stockdale will speak on Peter's Commission.

A spokesman for the talks said they will be interesting and stimulating evenings.

"The speakers will introduce their topic and guide discussion," he said.

There will be refreshments available.

Wildlife bosses say if they are successful they will run the visitor centre, while Mr and Mrs Taylor will continue to run the restaurant.

They say they want to attract more visitors to the centre each year and employ a member of staff to talk to visitors.

Shropshire Council has remained tight-lipped of exactly how many potential operators have submitted a bid to take on the venue, but it is believed that more than a dozen have made enquiries about it.

The council, which ran the restaurant itself following a major £2 million revamp of the promenade in 2009, hopes to announce its preferred bidder in February.

It means a single external operator will take on responsibility for running the venue on behalf of the council from April for nine years.

John Hughes, Shropshire Wildlife Trust development manager, said: "The couple who currently run the restaurant have experience in catering and we have got experience of visitor centres.

"Ellesmere is famous for its heron watch which is run by volunteers. We have a lot of experience of wildlife and working with volunteers. It is a match made in heaven.

"Our aim is to get more people in there, making sure they have a fantastic time and want to come back. We want people to understand the importance of the Mere and Mosses and the wildlife there."

## Girls chosen for national choir



Pictured are Lauren Kell, 14, Georgia Webb, 15, Harriet Lang, 13, Morgan Darcy Rees-Deacon, 13, and Emily Kiel, 13. Picture: Rose Pearce.

FIVE youngsters have been selected to sing with the National Youth Choir of Great Britain.

The girls are all from Moreton Hall School in Weston Rhyn, near Oswestry, and were chosen after taking part in auditions in November. Auditions were held all over the country with thousands of youngsters hoping to gain a place in the 120-member choir.

Georgia Webb, 15, Lauren Kell, 14, Morgan Darcy Rees-Deacon, 13, Harriet Lang, 13

and Emily Kiel, 13, were selected for the training choir, the highest level of choir available to girls of their age.

The girls will attend NYCGB courses over the Easter holidays, which will culminate in all sections of the NYCGB choirs coming together at the Royal Albert Hall for the 30th Anniversary Concert. They will also attend courses in the summer and they could graduate to the main choir when they are 16 years old.

## NEWS

in brief

## Maths aces take part in challenge

BUDDING mathematicians at Ellesmere College took part in the latest Primary Maths Challenge which attracts schools from across the country.

More than 70,000 pupils from 1,875 schools took part in the event organised by The Mathematical Association.

College bosses say a number of pupils from the Lower School achieved excellent results in the tests that are aimed at the top 60 per cent of pupils in years five and six.

The tests allow pupils to take part in a national challenge which involves 20 multiple choice questions and five 'super' challenges at the end.

Elaine Phillips, key stage two academic coordinator, said: "This is a great competition which continues to challenge our brightest young mathematicians."

## Age Concern ace on hand at venue

A REPRESENTATIVE from Age Concern Cymru will be available for information at the Ponthafren Centre, Broad Street, Welshpool, every Wednesday between 10.30am and 12.30pm.

Residents are encouraged to call in if they have questions and concerns about matters affecting older people. There is lots of information and advice leaflets available.

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**Musicians invited to get stomp drumming**

OSWESTRY will soon have its own stomp-style band for young musicians using recycled items as instruments.

A new street drumming group called Urban Pulse is starting in the town for 10 to 19-year-olds of all abilities and disabilities.

Mike Lade, spokesman, said a street band, sometimes called a stomp band, is a drumming group that uses recycled plastic five litre buckets, 25 litre tubs, 40 litre containers and plastic dust bins as drums.

He hopes the freestyle nature of the band and the physical exercise required will spark young people into being creative and work together as a team to create a unique style of music.

A call has now been made for people to donate anything they think could help make an instrument.

The project is being coordinated by Jay Moore of Fusion Arts Oswestry.

Mr Lade said funding was crucial to the success of the initiative and called on companies in the area to sponsor the project.

He said: "Please get in contact and we will be happy to answer any questions you may have."

Young people who would like to become involved with Urban Pulse should visit [www.urban-pulse.co.uk](http://www.urban-pulse.co.uk) or call Mr Lade on (01691) 650854.

**by Graham Breeze**

**CAMPAIGNERS fighting plans by a farmer to remove more than seven miles of hedgerow from his land have been celebrating after he withdrew the plan.**

But they said the application for Marrington Farm, in Chirbury showed the weakness of rules regarding hedgerows, and showed that more needed to be done to protect them.

Farmer Fraser Jones said he will consider a new application later this year once he has studied the hedgerow in greater detail.

He said although he had applied to remove seven miles of hedge, he never planned to remove all of it.

**Impact**

He said today: "What I plan to do now is sit down and study hedgerows and look at what I need to do in detail and then I can think again about putting in other applications later in the year to remove the parts I really need to."

"I will look at the history and ecological impact before putting them in with the council."

More than 350 people objected to Shropshire Council about his plans, arguing that the hedgerow is 'historic' and home to rare birds and mammals.

Councillor Heather Kidd called Mr Jones' decision 'fantastic news'. "We now need to keep a sharp look out in case any further application of any magnitude is made," she said.

"It was appalling that environmental destruction on this scale could be considered in this day and age."

"What is the point of paying some landowners to plant new hedgerows whilst others try to rip seven miles of them up? A review of the law on this issue is long overdue."

Colin Preston, director of the Shrop-

**The hedge at Marrington Farm.****Shropshire and regional Liberal Democrat Euro MP Phil Bennion and councillor Heather Kidd for Chirbury and Worthen.**

shire Wildlife Trust, added: "The Chirbury application revealed the weakness of the current Hedgerow Regulations to protect this essential part of our landscape."

**Support**

"While hedgerows are recognised as a priority habitat within the UK Biodiversity Action Plan, the regulations do not adequately support their continued survival and good maintenance."

"We would like to see the regulations strengthened so that the hedgerow net-

work and the wildlife that lives within it is no longer subjected to threats of destruction as it has been at Chirbury, but will be valued and appropriately looked after as an intrinsic part of the landscape."

A Euro MP had joined the fight to save the hedgerow. West Midlands MEP Phil Bennion, who himself farms in South Staffordshire, walked footpaths around Marrington Farm at Chirbury with local residents meeting more than a dozen people who say the hedgerows should remain in place.

**A section of the hedgerow.**

The MEP said he had been amazed by the beauty of the local countryside. "It is a wonderful patchwork quilt of fields with some quite incredible, fabulous, old oak trees growing in the hedgerows," he said.

"I believe farmers should be custodians of the countryside. Farmers are given public money under the Common Agricultural Policy and we should use that to retain these field patterns."

Resident Nigel Brooks, who has lived next to the farm for 25 years, said he was glad of the wider interest in the issue.

**Landowner Fraser Jones.**

"I think now research has been done into how old these hedgerows and trees are, we may have reached a turning point in the debate. They are used as movement corridors for all kinds of wildlife."

Leading environmental charities had joined the campaign against plans to remove more than seven miles of hedgerow from the Shropshire farm.

The Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) and The Wildlife Trusts say they have united to voice concerns about the future for England's hedgerows after the plans were submitted.

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## NEWS

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# Chris lives his dreams every day as 6music DJ

by Andy Richardson

IT STARTED in his garage, in a quiet Shropshire village and then BBC Radio presenter Chris Hawkins began his career in the humblest surrounds at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital.

"I used to make mix tapes," he says, sitting on the seventh floor of Media City, in Manchester, where he broadcasts his daily 6music show.

"I made a disco booth from wood, in my garage, then I'd buy vinyl from Durrant's, on Wyle Cop, Shrewsbury with my pocket money. I'd get my sisters and their friends to come to my disco, then I'd DJ."

DJing is in Chris's blood. Though his family had no connection with the profession, he was infatuated with the radio as a child.

"I was listening to radio as a kid, in Loppington, from a really early age. I was fascinated by the way that radio and music radio worked. It was the one-to-one nature of it and the ability of a presenter to talk to you. I felt as though I knew the presenters. Radio One was our link with the outside world. We couldn't even go out because there was nowhere to go out to. There was one pub in the village. There were Young Farmers' Clubs and after that it was Park Lane."

Chris, who went to school at Ellesmere College, got his first break at BBC Radio Shropshire – though he also made formative broadcasts at Fractured Radio, at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital.

"I did work experience there, and after that I never really went away. There were some really good people there who had a bit of faith in me, like Eric Smith and Colin Young. I didn't do a programme on Radio Shropshire. I did the market prices. It gave me a grounding."

Chris went to Nottingham University – making sure both the location and his course were tailored to the demands of radio.



Chris' wife Clare Nasir.



Comedian Greg Davies.

"I moved to Nottingham, 100 per cent, because I knew that Radio Nottingham had a great calibre of presenters. I wanted to go there before London, to get a good grounding in radio. I did America Studies, rather than studying law or becoming a doctor, so that there would be enough time to DJ."

## Incredible

Soon, he got his own show on Saturdays. Chris' next move was to the BBC's former London station, GLR, where he worked on a roster including Danny Baker, Chris Evans, Chris Morris and other high calibre presenters.

"It was an incredible place. The presenters were huge names, national names, and I was part of the team."

When GLR closed, Chris made the switch to 6music. He'd already done stints on BBC Radio 2, which had dazzled audiences and his bosses.

"At first, on Radio 2, I covered for Janice Long, which was amazing because she'd been a real hero."

"They used me as a test voice for 6music, the new digital station. I was living in London and going to millions of gigs and I became one of the launch presenters, along with Gideon Coe, Stuart Maconie, Liz Kershaw, Craig Charles and Tom Robinson. It was great then, but it's the best it's ever been now."

In 2005, Chris married Clare Nasir, the ITV weather presenter, and in November 2009 the couple had a baby girl, Sienna, following five years' of IVF treatment. "It was a torrid time. Sienna was our early Christmas gift."

The family moved to Manchester a year ago, when the BBC moved its operation from London to Media City, and Clare has obtained a new job working for CBBC.



DJ Chris Hawkins of 6music, his working day starts at 3.30am.

Chris continues to broadcast his early breakfast show, playing tunes by Led Zeppelin, hot new acts and unsigned bands.

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Chris's working day starts at 3.30am and he plays his last track at 7am. "People imagine it must be lovely to finish then, but I receive 20 tracks a day and listen to them all. That side of the job is really important to me. I want the audience to get excited about new music, so I'm constantly on the look out for the next big thing."

"I love combining my passion for radio and music – it's the biggest gift ever. I speak to people like Mark Radcliffe and he says, 'really, we're just getting away with it'. I want to stay with 6music forever."



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**NEWS**

in brief

**Festival appeal for music fans**

MUSIC lovers are invited to attend a music festival in a village near Oswestry this year.

Whittington International Chamber Music Festival will be held from May 1 and 9.

It will use venues including Whittington Church, Oswestry School and St Chad's in Shrewsbury.

Listeners will be treated to chamber music of Johannes Brahms in nine concerts by 17 of new generation musicians in the Leondari Ensemble.

Tickets cost £10 and are available on (01691) 657986 or via the website [www.whittingtonmusicfestival.org.uk](http://www.whittingtonmusicfestival.org.uk)

**Textiles courses held at campus**

A SERIES of textiles courses and workshops led by Oswestry artist Jenny O'Leary will begin at the town's Walford and North Shropshire College campus this month.

The first workshop will be an experimental silk painting on Saturday.

Other workshops due to run are nuno felting, batik on cotton and machine-stitched fabric landscapes.

Costs are £28 for a day course or £10 for those on means-tested benefits.

Contact (01691) 688000 to book a place.

# Danni passing on passion for fitness with business

**HEALTH and fitness has been Danni Evans's life – and livelihood – for all her adult life.**

She is passionate about getting people fit and healthy and believing in themselves. And the 36 year old certainly practises what she preaches.

For whether at work or play 36-year-old Danni seems to be always on the go – and loving it.

She launched her Fitness2Improve company after moving to Ellesmere in Shropshire from the south of England.

"I qualified in fitness 18 years ago with a sports therapy diploma at Bath and vocational qualifications to teach exercise to music, gym, circuits and spinning.

"While working at a gym in Bristol I decided I wanted to learn more so I did a sports and exercise science degree at Luton University.

Having met her then boyfriend, now husband, James, at university the couple had their first son, Josh, now 12, in Danni's final year.

"Four weeks after Josh's birth I was sitting my exams and finishing my dissertation."

She said it was finding out that she was pregnant that gave her the incentive she needed to get healthy herself.

"I was doing a lot of sport but my diet wasn't brilliant and after a women's rugby game would sink a few pints. I would still go and socialise with the club but started looking after myself. And with Josh a baby I had to be organised to fit in my university work."

When the couple moved to Shropshire Danni again found herself juggling parenthood with her work and her dream of running her own business. She found part-time jobs and ran a couple of exercise classes as doing college lecture work in Shrewsbury.

"While at Shrewsbury College of Arts and Technology I gained my PGCE and assessors qualifications and had two more children," she added.

**WOMEN OF SUBSTANCE**

with Sue Austin



After seven years with the college Danni set up her company in 2010.

"I had already started my bootcamp classes and the opportunity arose to manage a studio in Shrewsbury."

She went 100 per cent solo in February 2012 having invested in spin bicycles for her spin box classes, then at the Barns on the edge of Ellesmere.

Her business is now based in first floor studios in the centre of Ellesmere, Basecamp, although future plans include expanding to bigger premises.

Here she runs a large programme of classes and also runs an online business, the 14 Day Fatburner, in which she gives daily nutritional and exercise plans to those who sign up. That led to her Fatburner DVDs and her recipe ebook, available online together with a weekly newsletter.

Danni's whirlwind life includes looking after her family and home, teaching 17 classes a week and training for a London to Paris run in July to raise money for Action Medical Research.



Danni Evans runs a company called fitness2improve.

## Week-long campaign of prayer

A WEEK-long campaign of prayer started in Oswestry last Sunday.

The initiative is organised by the town's Churches Together group. The Catholic, Methodist and Baptist churches were among those taking part.

A united service at St Oswald's Parish Church started the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Christians then met from midday to 12.30pm on a daily basis.

A prayer meeting was held at Carreg Llwyd Church, Oswestry Methodist Church, Our Lady and St Oswald's Catholic Church and Holy Trinity Parish Church. Sion Church will hold a meeting tomorrow.

A final meeting is at Cornerstone Baptist Church, followed by lunch.

## Ball to raise funds for dairy fight

WITH an expensive fight on their hands to oppose the planned super dairy at Leighton, campaigners have announced a fundraising ball in the Village Hall next month.

Ball tickets are £25 each with all profits going towards the costs of a barrister to defend the Campaign Against Leighton Farm Expansion's position at the March Public Enquiry.

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## Majority of fires start in kitchens

SIX out of every 10 house fires in Mid Wales are caused by people becoming distracted in the kitchen.

Mid & West Wales Fire and Rescue Service said it is also shocked that 20 per cent of calls to businesses in the area are caused by workers burning their toast in the workplace.

It is now launching a campaign to get people to pay more attention when using cooking appliances.

David Phillips, head of business and fire safety, said: "We all enjoy a piece of warm toast, often with a nice cup of tea, but unfortunately toast and burnt toast in particular has become something of a menace for us over the last year.

"Did you know that 60 per cent of all house fires start in the kitchen through unsupervised cooking? Smoke alarms are fitted to give an early warning of fire. It doesn't help if the batteries are taken out of bleeping smoke detectors because you keep burning the toast and other food. Analysis of statistics for the current year shows that around 20 per cent of these calls are to business premises where the cause is found to be smoke from burnt toast."

Mr Phillips said he was hoping workplaces would review their policies on allowing employees to cook while on the premises.

## Wide-ranging ambition to work with African game

**IF there was one thing I wanted to do when I grew up, it was work with wildlife. Not that any old conservation job would do; no, I wanted to be a game ranger. I wanted to live in the African bush, track animals and lead anti-poaching patrols.**

**ON THE WILD SIDE**  
with Ben Waddams



It was a fairly focused vision and I can't quite remember when it petered out...if indeed it has. In reality, who in their right mind would employ a fresh-faced Englishman on a rough and tough African game reserve? No one. So perhaps it's just as well that my childhood dreams never quite came true. However a few years ago, I did at least give it a tentative 'go'.

In 1858, the explorer David Livingstone set forth on another of his great expeditions. His aim was to travel along the lower reaches of the Zambezi River in today's Mozambique and Zimbabwe and reconnoitre the area for resources but he actually spent most of his time on a much smaller and wilder river, the Shire (Shiree).

He had heard tales of a vast lake at the Shire's head and given his thirst for fame and derring-do, he made the lake his new goal.

Livingstone didn't have an easy time of it. Warfare was endemic. Malarial fevers plagued low-lying marshy areas and Tsetse fly seemed to be everywhere. But he did eventually reach the lake and asked the locals what its name was.

They replied 'Nyasa' and Livingstone duly christened it 'Lake Nyasa' (now Lake Malawi). Unfortunately he had actually just asked the locals 'what' it was, not

what its 'name' was and they had replied with their name for a 'lake'. So Livingstone had just declared to the somewhat confused natives, that the lake be named 'Lake Lake'. Anyway, I digress.

When I made my way into Malawi, I was very keen to see the Shire. I chartered a small boat with a slightly dodgy captain who seemed to want to take me as close as possible to the clearly irate hippo pods and enormous basking crocs.

After skirting these we headed upstream to the giant reedbeds. There was no one else on the river, or at least that was the theory.

No sooner had the captain told me of the poaching problem in this part of the country, than we caught a glimpse of ivory in the reeds. A large bull elephant was happily munching through the fronds and stems in front of us.

Again, the captain practically nudged the creature with the bow of our increasingly minute vessel as the bull towered over us and showed of his huge ears.

Presently we heard another boat. But this one was being paddled by someone behind the reeds and the elephants.

It was a dugout. We punted over to it. The man was clearly surprised and looked rather sheepish at our presence.

"Poacher," hissed the captain to me. We



Just Showing Off – acrylic on board by Ben Waddams

sidled up to him. I asked if I could see what was in the bottom of his boat. He eyed me suspiciously but had no hope of running.

Slowly he bent, his clothes were rags, his canoe was leaking and his oily hands searched in the hull for something. A tusk? A gun? Not exactly. Two small fish were shamefacedly displayed.

Technically this man was poaching, for taking anything from the river or land was illegal. 'Shall we report 'dis man?'" the cap-

tain whispered to me. I smiled to the captain and shook my head before turning to the man in the dugout. 'Enjoy your fish' I said.

We pushed away and continued our own little expedition...into the sunset. I settled into my seat and watched an elephant's bottom disappear into the reeds. This game ranger stuff was a doddle I thought.

New originals of Ben's work can be seen online at [www.waddams.webs.com](http://www.waddams.webs.com)

## Meeting aimed at would-be councillors

VILLAGERS on the Shropshire/Wales border wanting to stand as a councillor in the area are invited to a parish meeting.

Members of Llanymynech and Pant Parish Council are inviting people along to its next meeting at Bryn Offa Primary School in Pant tonight, Thursday at 7.15pm.

Councillor Dilys Gaskill, chairman of the parish council, said elections are in May and people only have until April to complete the correct paper work if they want to become councillors.

She said if interested people could visit the next meeting to see how it goes.

"The Parish Council would like to get a cross section of ages from the area," she said. "It usually tends to be a more mature age. It would be good to get younger people."

This month's agenda also includes setting the precept.

For more information about the meeting or about becoming a councillor call the parish clerk Vivien Byrne on (01691) 830853

## Hospice boost

STAFF at Veolia Environmental Services at Oswestry have given a £100 cheque to the Hope House Children's Hospice. The cash was raised by winning the best float in the parade.

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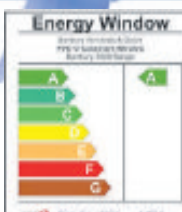
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## GIG GUIDE

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# Musical dates to warm up cold winter nights

## GIG GUIDE

with Chrissy Symmons



**A BLUES singer will be playing at a pub in a village near Welshpool to help warm up the cold winter night.**

Blues Boy Dan, aka Dan Owen, will be bringing his large bluesy voice to the Lowfield Inn, in Marton, tomorrow night, Friday from 8pm.

The musician, from Shrewsbury, says he is influenced by musicians BB King, Howling Wolf and "the real old stuff" and he plays the harmonica the stomp box, guitar and bodhran - an Irish drum and the guitar.

He started out in the music business when he was just nine years old and later toured venues with his sister to accompany her on his bodhran. Described as have a 'voice of an old Blues master' the singer and guitarist brings an entertaining night of music. It is a free event call (01743) 891313.

There's the usual night of free music at The Royal Oak in Welshpool on Friday night as the venue continues to attract the crowds for Oak Live.

Saturday night will see the European Union Chamber Orchestra with Christopher Symons on piano. It will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, in Oswestry, from 7.30pm.

Since its formation in 1981, the orchestra has gained a world-wide reputation for its performances in



Bo and Paul Parker who make up The Paul Parker Duo.

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Its programme for Oswestry will include Grieg's Holberg Suite, Haydn's Piano Concerto in D and Mozart's No 40 in G minor. The event is £16 for adults and £8 for children.

People are advised to book in advance call (01691) 681135.

Acoustic duo Paul Parker Duo will be in Ruyton-XI-Towns' Talbot Country Inn on Saturday night.

The two musicians will be playing a number of covers including Neil Young, Counting Crows, Bruce Springsteen, Fleetwood Mac, Amy Macdonald and David Gray.

If you feel like sitting back and getting cosy with a film then Kinokulture has a night for you. The film screening

company will be bringing My Brother the Devil to The Attfield Theatre, in The Guildhall. It is at 7.30pm and costs £5 for adults, £3 for under 16s. Doors open at 7pm.

Every Monday night The Golden Lion Hotel in Llandysilio will be hosting an Acoustic night. People are invited to attend and listen to singers/songwriters. Call (01691) 830295 or visit [www.goldenlion.org.uk](http://www.goldenlion.org.uk)

Ironworks, in Oswestry, will be holding a Lighthouse event at 9pm.

People are invited along with their music, poetry or comedy. The evening is free and hosted by Tom Stedman.

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## THE ARTS

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# School's ready to stage Little Shop of Horrors

## Creative courses begin



Seen preparing for the course is arts co-ordinator Charlotte Jackson. A GALLERY in Oswestry has started a new programme of events. Qube, in Oswald Road, has started creative courses and workshops including rag rug making, calligraphy, glass painting, embroidery and watercolour painting. The workshops and courses are running through January and February.

by Graham Breeze

STUDENTS in Oswestry have been busy painting sets, stitching their costumes and rehearsing their lines in preparation for their 2013 school production – Little Shop of Horrors.

Youngsters from The Marches School's performing arts department will be holding their first performance on January 28.

There will be 30 students, from across all year groups, who will be playing their part in performing the vibrant musical.

The performance will be narrated by Kira Scott, Leila Brown, Molly Birch and Ellie-May Jones.

Year 10 student Ryan Maddocks will take to the stage in the leading role as Seymour, a poor young man living in an urban skid row. Emily Roberts and Elan Roberts will play Seymour's fellow co-workers, Audrey. They seek a life away from the urban grime and the story unfolds under the watchful eye of a man-eating plant.

Clare Rose Gilpin, performing arts teacher, said: "Little Shop of Horrors is a musical filled with fabulous songs and quirky characters that are, quite simply, just comical to watch on stage."

"The twist with this particular musical is that you have a seemingly harmless man-eating plant on stage to add to the visual appeal of the production."

"Certainly a performance not to be missed"

The first performance will be in front of an audience of 250 local primary school pupils, followed by public evening performances on January 29, 30 and 31 starting at 7pm.

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## NOSTALGIA &amp; NEWS

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## £30,000 car park created at school

A SCHOOL in Oswestry is having improvements including a £30,000 car park.

Local contractors have completed a 'green' car park at Oswestry Senior School's Maes-y-Llan car park.

The surface looks like honeycomb and allows water to filter through the soil back into the ecosystem rather than through drains. Staff at the school say the new car park will ensure that the senior school site will be traffic free, enabling the previous car park area to be used by the pupils for various activities.

There are now plans to create an artificial pitch at the school. The plans have been passed and it is hoped work can start on installing it in April, depending on the weather conditions.

Phil Bowd, Bursar at the School, said: "The pitch will be a wonderful addition to the school's facilities, local clubs will also be very welcome to use the pitch."

Director of sport, Darren Hollingsworth, said: "Both prep and senior pupils are very much looking forward to using the new pitch."

It could be ready as early as the summer a number of sports including hockey and football. For details about hiring the pitch or more about the school e-mail: s.bellis@oswestryschool.org.uk

**DOROTHY Franklin began working as a student nurse at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital as a shy 17-year-old in January 1961. In this second part of her reminiscences - she's Mrs Dorothy Roberts now - she tells of the night she met her husband-to-be and a very special gift she was given as she began her nursing career.**

**I WAS at the Oswestry hospital for about five and a half years. One of the reasons for going to Oswestry was because they did a nurses' course which you could start at 17, instead of having to wait.**

If I had gone to any of the others I could not have started until I was 18. I did this two years' nursing first, and then three and a half years of physio training.

Some of my group went off to do their nurses' training at other hospitals. The rest of us stayed there to do our physio training.

When I began there, leaving my home



Although open-air wards had ended shortly before Dorothy arrived, patients were still wheeled out to enjoy the open air. This is Crewe Ward in 1961.



More patients from Crewe Ward getting some fresh air in 1961.

in Rushden, Northamptonshire, a colleague of my father in Rushden gave me a photograph of Agnes Hunt.

It was taken while she was staying with his family, the Robinsons, in Rushden while fighting a typhoid outbreak in the village in 1892. As I was going to the hospital Agnes Hunt had founded Sam Robinson had thought I would be interested in the photo.

It shows her with her dog Mike, which according to her autobiography was given to her by her sister because she was 'going to the Midlands and needed protection from tramps.'

#### Married

I married an Oswestry guy, Brian Roberts, who as 'Rusty' Roberts had been vocalist for George Riley's band at the Garrison Theatre at Park Hall



Agnes Hunt and her protector "Mike" take a rest from fighting a typhoid outbreak in Rushden in 1892.

camp for 10 years. He was also a founder member of Cae Glas Cricket Club which has just celebrated its 60th anniversary.

How we met? It was when I was at Oswestry. I was dragged by my friends - I would never have met anyone if it had not been for all these other girls I lived with - and we all went one night to this jazz club at Oswestry, John Read's Jazz

Club. John Read was the son who had the jazz club - his father had an electrical shop. I think I was looking after the handbags when Brian asked me out.

He had finished singing for George Riley at that time. I didn't know him and had never seen him singing.

● Next week we will tell the story of "Rusty" Roberts and his time in George Riley's Band.

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## Welshpool livestock market

January 21  
OTMS (13)

After a very unsettled weekend with the snow on the ground, only thirteen OTM cattle presented, selling to average 133ppkg for the older cows and 192ppkg for the heifers under 48months. JM & BJ Langford Pwllan sold a British Blue cow weighing 704kg to a top market price of £1070.08 and a Limousin cow weighing 681kg to £980.64. Two younger cows under 48months old sold for £1309.44 and £1228.80 from D R Owen & Sons Sandilands. JM & BJ Langford Pwllan receives the Briarwood Products Ltd prize of £25 for the highest price older cow sold on the day. If you require any further information regarding this section please contact the market on 01938 553438 or the Auctioneer Glandon Lewis on 07774 224999.

**FAT CATTLE (5)**  
Again due the poor weather conditions only 5 fat presented today, selling to a very good average of 213ppkg. Three Limousin steers from D R Owen & Sons Sandilands sold for 224ppkg, 206ppkg and 204ppkg. RE & EJ Rowlands Tycam sold two Limousin steers to 224ppkg and 210ppkg. D R Owen & Sons Sandilands & RE & EJ Rowlands both receive the

Briarwood Products Ltd prize of £25 for the highest price per kilo animal sold on the day. Weekly sale of Fat cattle every Monday to commence at approximately 12.30pm. More Fat Cattle urgently required to meet a very strong demand from potential purchasers. If you have require any advise or wish to sell fat cattle at the market please contact the auctioneer Mr Glandon Lewis on 07774 224999 or the market office on 01938 553438.

**PRIME HOGGETS (3083)**

An entry of 3083 Prime Hoggets, selling to an overall average of 150.02ppkg.

**Super Lights (17.5kg to 25.4kg) (22)** to 117ppkg from W I Ellis Talwrn. Average of 116.7ppkg.

**Lights (25.5kg to 32kg) (183)** to 146ppkg from A Rees & Son Tynllwyn. Others to 142ppkg from R E Peate 6 Nantlloch. Average of 139ppkg.

**Standards (32.1kg to 39kg) (865)** to 163ppkg from M R M Matthews Tanyfron. Others to 160ppkg from I L W Evans Cleiria Isaf. Average of 146.9ppkg.

**Mediums (39.5kg to 45.5kg) (1412)** to 187ppkg from CL & C Watkins Bank Farm. Others to 178ppkg from D R Owen & Sons Sandilands. Average of 153ppkg.

**Heavies (45.1kg to 52kg) (484)** to 151ppkg from P A Lloyd & T S

Weibinski Cartref and E H Pennie & Son Gwern-y-Ychain. Others to 150ppkg from IE & M Gittins Lower Ucheldre. Average of 139ppkg.

**Over Weights (Over 52kg) (93)** to 132ppkg from GM & G Evans Plasiolyn. Others to 130ppkg from J W Jones Blowy. Average of 125ppkg.

**CULL EWE (2020)**

An entry of 2020 cull sheep on offer for sale today, sold to average £35.57 for the ewes and £52.57 for the rams. Top price of the day for the ewes was £107 per head from O T Evans Delfryn & D R Owen & Sons Sandilands. Top price for the cull rams was £87 per head from T K Robinson Tynewydd. Weekly sale of cull sheep to immediately follow the sale of fat lambs at approximately 12noon.

**STORE LAMBS & STORE EWES**

A small entry of Store Lambs averaging £42. Mixed and clean lambs achieving top price for organic texel lambs at £49 from Colfryn Farms. **IN LAMB EWES.**

An entry of 96 in lamb ewes achieving an average of £70 for as found ewes. Top price of £84 for welsh mules majority scanned doubles with remainder singles and triplets from DA & MD Wright Heathmynd. More in lamb ewes booked on for next Monday 28th January. Sale to commence straight after the sale of Store lambs.

**COWS & CALVES**

The snow limited the cows and calves forward and the buyers at Welshpool this Monday. A British Blue x 2nd calver with a Limousin bull calf from S J Smith Penybryn made £1480, whilst two other British Blue x cows with Limousin calves at foot from the same home made £1100 and £1220.

**IJ & MEO Jones Plas Madoc** Dolfor sold a Limousin 1st Calver with a Limousin bull calf for £1640. The next Cow and Calf sale will be held on 4th February anybody with entries please contact the market on 01938 553438 or Richard Evans on 07764 663192.

**FORTH COMING SALES:**

Monday 28th January, Sale of Dairy Cows.

Tuesday 29th January, Sale of Store Cattle.

Monday 4th February, Sale of Cows and Calves.

Monday 11th February, Sale of Dairy Cows.

Tuesday 12th February, Sale of Organic, Weanling and Store Cattle.

Monday 18th February, Sale of Cows and Calves.

Monday 25th February, Sale of Dairy Cows.

Tuesday 26th February, February Store Cattle Fair.

Monday 4th March, Sale of Cows and Calves.

Monday 11th March, Sale of Dairy Cows.

Monday 12th March, Sale of Organic, Weanlings & Store Cattle.

Monday 18th March, Sale of Cows and Calves. Monday 25th March, Sale of Dairy Cows.

Tuesday 26th March, March Store Cattle Fair. Monday 1st April, Sale of Cows and Calves & April, Easter Spring Lambs Show and Sale.

Monday 8th April, Sale of Dairy Cows.

Tuesday 9th April, Sale of Organic, Weanlings & Store Cattle.

Monday 15th April, Sale of Cows and Calves.

Thursday 18th April, Sale of Pedigree Charolais Cattle.

Monday 22nd April, Sale of Dairy Cattle.

Monday 29th April, Sale of Cows and Calves.

Tuesday 30th April, April Store Cattle Fair.

## Oswestry cattle auctions

**January 16**

**FAT CATTLE: (68)**

A steady number of cattle forward met another firm trade on all sorts with other local centres reporting steadier trades. An overall market average of 185p was achieved with top slots of 241p for a heifer 223p for bulls and 197p for steers. Highest price in the lump was £1543 for a bull. Bottom book of 137p for a friesian bull.

**Young Bulls (31) Overall Average 177p.**

**Light Bulls (5) Average 163.5p (£670/head)** Selling to 176p from E W Jones & Sons Moat Farm.

**Medium Bulls (14) Average 165p (£860/head)** Selling to 189p from N E & F

Barratt Morton Hall Farm Heavy Bulls (12) Average 192p (£1265/head) Selling to 223p from A H M Lea & Sons Lee Bridges.

**Steers (9) Overall Average 170p.**

**Light Steers (2) Average 170p (£650/head)** Selling to 185p from J D & B W Roberts Llangwrydd Issa.

**Medium Steers (1) Selling to 197p (£1053/head)** from J B Lawrence Old Nant Farm.

**Heavy Steers (6) Average 167p (£1090/head)** Selling to 177p from D I & D Ellis & Sons Henlle.

**Heifers (28) Overall Average 200p.**

**Medium Heifers (3) Average 211p (£950/head)** Selling to 235p from H M Owen Cileos.

**Heavy Heifers (25) Average 199.5p (£1065/head)** Selling to 241p from M J Williams Pontyperson.

A good trade throughout. Please keep the cattle coming we can sell them as good as anywhere.

**FAT HOGGETTS: (2028)**

An entry of 2028 hogs on Wednesday 16th January 2013. The overall average on the day was 139p/kg, there was a great fluctuation in the trade with continental export lambs making anything from 150p/kg - 170p/kg with the hardier, crossing and native breeds hovering around the early

130p/kg. 314 light hogs averaged 118.5p/kg peaking at 133p/kg from M J Crawshaw Dolwen with 32kg hogs making £42.50. 714 standard hogs levelled at 138p/kg with the top price being 185p/kg from, R B Evans

Cynynnon Ucha with 38.5kg hogs making £71.20. 808 medium hogs averaged 145.5p/kg with the top call being 175p/kg. This price was achieved by E R & A C Morris Plas with 42kg hogs making £73.50. The heavy hogs averaged 135.5p/kg. The top call of the day for overweights 63kg was £87.50 from I M Parry Bank Farm others sold to £80 from W N Roberts Godre'r Coed.

**Superlights to 117p average 112.5p** Lights to 133p average 118.5p, Standards to 185p average 138p, Mediums to 175p average 145.5p, Heavy's to 151p average 135.5p, Others to 139p average 131.5p. Overall average 139p.

Again we would ask vendors to consider belly clipping hogs prior to sale and also to consider putting good continental shaped hogs whether singles or pairs separately for sale. Finally we would also advise that rams are also separated and declared to the auctioneer at weighing.

**FAT EWES: (656)**

Ewes to £75.00 average £27.50, Rams to £70.00, average £59.00

**Please Note :** All sheep entering the Market must be tagged.

**CALVES: (40)**

Only a small entry on a very cold day with good demand for continentals and best friesians. Limousin Bulls topping the sale at £342 £325 & £295 from Messrs Owen Bonciau £308 from Messrs Davies lower Fawngod £296 from Messrs Williams lightwood Hall. Aberdeen Angus Bulls to £308 & £282 from

Messrs Henshaw Little Greenhill. Simmental Heifers to £256 from Messrs James Church Farm. Limousin Heifers to £232 from Messrs Rees Iydydd £230 from Messrs Owen Bonciau £220 from Messrs Edwards Lower Sweeney. Charolais Bulls to £250 from Messrs Edwards Plasyncoed. Friesian Bulls to £152 from Messrs Roberts Pentre David £145 from Messrs Foulkes Maesteg £125 from Messrs Andrew Neuadd Uchaf.

**Weanlings:** Belted Galloway Steer 8mo to £516 Saler Heifers 8mo to £382 from Messrs Jones Derwen Unig

**U72 & CULL COWS: (35)**

A seasonal entry of 35 cattle met with a very fast trade. There was a shortage of the better continental cattle forward and all grades of cows and OTM cattle were keenly competed for. Top price Cow 178p Top price overall £1432.20

**Cows**

Limousin to 150p average 140.04p/kg

Belgian Blue to 178p average 129.06p/kg

Friesian to 163p average 112.42p/kg

Heifers

Limousin to 174p

Belgian Blue to 185p

Friesian to 158p

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# Pedigree is clear on new VW hatchback

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Few cars can match the history of the Volkswagen Golf, yet with global sales now topping 29 million, and in its seventh generation, the latest Golf continues to offer buyers a car which sets benchmarks in comfort, practicality, safety and efficiency.

And while the new car, which was recently

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revealed in the south of England to eagerly waiting motoring writers, has barely changed in appearance it is in fact a completely different car.

Despite offering more room for passengers and more advanced technological features than previous versions, new production techniques have contributed to the Golf Mk VII being up to 100kg lighter than the car it replaces, helping to make it up to 23 per cent more efficient than before.

On top of this, the new Golf is also safer than

ever, thanks not just to a stronger body structure but also to a raft of standard and optional passive and active safety systems.

At 4,255mm, the new Golf is 56mm longer than its predecessor, with a 59mm longer wheelbase of 2,637mm. The front wheels are 43mm further forward, helping to generate more interior space, while the Golf is also 13mm wider, at 1,799mm, and 28mm lower, at 1,452 mm.

Though the new car's dimensions are larger, its overall design is unmistakably that of a Golf, thanks to a design DNA that has evolved through the decades.

**Improved**

Inside the Golf there is also more room than ever. Rear legroom is improved by 15mm, and the front seats have been moved 20mm further back, benefiting taller drivers, and there is more room for luggage with the boot being 30 litres larger, at 380 litres, with a low sill to make loading effortless.

The centre console is now angled more towards the driver, giving easier access to controls, including the new generation of touchscreen infotainment systems that is available on the Golf.

All Golf models now have touchscreen systems as standard. It operates with finger gestures that will be familiar to smartphone users. Features

**"The latest Golf continues to offer buyers a car which sets benchmarks in comfort, practicality, safety and efficiency."**



Inside the new Volkswagen Golf, which now has more room in the front and rear



The seventh generation Volkswagen Golf looks set to continue the success story

include DAB digital radio, auxiliary inputs (including USB), Bluetooth telephone preparation and access to vehicle trip information.

Between the front seats, space is increased by virtue of the new electronic parking brake with auto hold feature.

Three specification levels are offered – S, SE and GT. BlueMotion and GTI models will follow later in 2013, along with a GTD high performance diesel and a new Golf Estate.

Having driven all three models I came down in favour of the two-litre TDi and while handling was not as good as in the lighter petrol versions it was still very impressive.

Golf lovers will be head over heels for this new model which has a combined fuel figure of 68.9mpg and even in urban conditions clocks up 56.5mpg thanks to the new lighter weight. Yet there's still a top speed of 134mph and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions of only 106g/km.

There's a curtain airbag system for front and rear passengers, driver and front passenger airbags, driver's knee airbags and front seat side impact airbags too.

Safety systems include as standard a new Automatic Post-Collision Braking System which automatically brakes the vehicle after a collision and minimises the chance of a second impact.

Also available is a PreCrash system which, on detecting the possibility of an accident, pre-tensions seatbelts and closes the windows and sunroof, leaving just a small gap, to ensure the airbags provide the best possible protection.

Available for the first time is a driver profile selection facility which allows the driver to choose from four modes – Eco, Sport, Normal and Individual. With Adaptive Chassis Control a fifth option – Comfort – is also offered.

Other new technologies include the latest Park Assist, which allows the Golf to park itself parallel to the kerb in a space no more than 80 cm longer than the vehicle, and cope automatically with end-on bay parking.

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## MOTORING

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An update for 2013 – the newly styled BMW Z4 features Valencia Orange paintwork

## More goodies promised in new sporty BMW Z4

A NEW BMW Z4 is on the way with new styling, more equipment and a new entry-level model, the Munich-based company has confirmed.

A mid-life update sees mildly revised lines mix with a familiar set of engines and trim levels, apart from a new sDrive18i model, which uses a detuned version of the 2.0-litre four-cylinder turbocharged unit in the sDrive20i, and in SE trim it loses the 20i's leather seats.

At present the 20i, which has until now been the range's entry point,

accounts for 80 per cent of the model's sales and BMW is hoping to expand sales with a more accessible option.

High-performance Z4s start with the four-cylinder turbocharged sDrive28i, with the six-cylinder turbo-augmented sDrive35i and 35is as the standard bearers. All three are limited to 155mph, with 242bhp, 302bhp and 335bhp respectively.

SE and M Sport are maintained as the available trim options, but a new and more visually striking option has been added.

The Pure Traction Design package can be ordered on any Z4 and brings with it Valencia Orange paint, an

optional gloss black roof, leather and Alcantara sports seats with contrasting stitching and darker 'metal weave' interior trim.

Standard equipment across all models now includes DAB radio, xenon headlights, Bluetooth, USB connectivity and a multi-function steering wheel. Only the sDrive18i SE does without 'Kansas' leather upholstery as standard.

The Z4 will go on sale in March, with on-the-road prices starting at £27,610 and rising to £45,795. The Pure Traction Package will cost between £550 and £2,240 depending on which model it is added to.

# German marque's return to motorsport welcomed by dealer

Award-winning Vauxhall dealers Arthurs of Oswestry believes the return to motorsport of its European sister partner Opel will be good for the brand.

Opel has announced its return to motor racing in the form of an internationally orientated rally programme with the new Opel ADAM and a circuit for the new Astra OPC.

"These new motorsports activities play an important role in the strategic re-alignment of the company," said Bruce Rogerson, general sales manager at Arthurs of Oswestry.

### Successful

"They are a fundamental element of our brand profile. In grass roots motorsports, Opel can look back on a long and successful tradition."

"The aim of the company is to create a new competition that appeals to customers. This will be both technically sophisticated and reasonably priced and at the same time will provide a platform for young ambitious drivers to continuously develop their talent."

"With its commitment to rally sports, Opel now has the European stage well within its sights."

He said there was strong interest in rallying in all of the key European markets of the brand. A rally cup version of the new Opel ADAM would be used in the 2013 season.

The automotive element of Opel's involvement on the circuit is the new Astra OPC.



Bruce Rogerson, general sales manager at Arthurs of Oswestry, welcomes Opel's return to motorsport

Bruce said: "It is being made available from the 2013 season onwards as a racing version for customer sports."

The most successful era of the company's rally history began in the mid-

1970s. Opel has been just as at home on the racing circuit. Overall victory in the 24-hour Nurburgring race in 2003 was achieved with an Astra V8 coupe.

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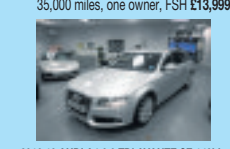
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# Making inroads with new SUV from Porsche

**By Matt Joy**

What an age we live in. Progress in the automotive world tends to occur in hundreds of incremental steps and only the occasional leap forward, and so it's easy to lose sight of just how far things have come.

And this Cayenne Diesel S is the perfect method with which to demonstrate.

But the Cayenne has never been an ordinary SUV, it has always had proper Porsche genes running through it, and with the latest model looking sharper and driving even better, it makes unquestionable sense as a more practical proposition for people who have to have the Porsche shield on the front of their car.

However, you might wonder if there is any need for another engine option in the Cayenne. For a car that is more than likely going to be bought by the lucky few, it already offers a remarkably broad spread of powerplants.

There's the 'entry-level' V6 petrol, the V8 petrol in two outputs, the bonkers V8 turbos that also come in two outputs, the hybrid petrol and the existing diesel.

There's nothing wrong with the diesel offering either; it offers up 405lb/ft of torque and as a result can manage 0-62mph in 7.6 seconds, 137mph flat out and deliver 39.2mpg combined.

But the Porsche engineers seem to think that's not enough, so they have introduced the

**The Porsche Cayenne Diesel S joins a broad range of engine options**

Diesel S.

Just as with the petrol models, the 'S' might as well stand for 'significant' – instead of the V6 oil burner, the Diesel S gets a new eight-cylinder twin-turbo unit that Porsche claims is a unique offering in the segment.

Better still are the numbers it produces; with 382bhp it is a whisker behind the V8 petrol but it is the torque output that really slackens the jaw. A mammoth 626lb/ft of torque is available from just 2,000rpm, almost a whole 100lb/ft more than the truly insane petrol Turbo S.

With that much motive force under the bonnet, it's no wonder the Cayenne Diesel S is a rapid machine.

It blasts to 62mph in a borderline absurd 5.7 seconds – 0.2 seconds faster than the V8 petrol Cayenne S – and can hit 156mph.

It's hard to put these numbers out of your mind when you slide behind the wheel, but this is a diesel underneath it all and so is far less intimidating than you might expect.

**Logical**

Climb aboard and the familiar Cayenne cabin greets you with clear and logical displays. You get the proper SUV driving position so the view out is excellent, yet there's still a sportscar feel; you are high up but surrounded by the cabin, and it certainly doesn't feel top-heavy or ungainly.

The driving position is superb and you grasp a proper Porsche steering wheel with a relatively thin rim, all of which helps to get you in the mood.

Fire up the Diesel S and it sounds a lot more

**Inside the Cayenne Diesel S**

V8 than diesel. There's an appealing throb coming from the exhaust, but if you blip the throttle, it grows to a proper sporty sound.

Select drive on the automatic transmission and the massive wave of torque makes pulling away as easy as it could possibly be; this is a car that could be driven without ever using more than a tiny squeeze of the accelerator.

It's such a flexible unit that ordinary driving is utterly effortless, and with adjustable suspension that can be tweaked for maximum comfort, the Cayenne Diesel S is a thoroughly relaxing car to drive. Big distances can be covered with ease as there is plenty of space for passengers and luggage. The 100-litre fuel tank may cost a bit to fill but it allows a theoretical range of more than 700 miles.

However, it would take a particularly dedi-

cated individual to drive that far and not exploit the performance, so tempting is the amount of acceleration on offer.

Regardless of speed or gear, apply a firm right foot to the accelerator and the Diesel Surges forward with no discernible effort, with the eight-speed automatic transmission marshalling all the forces superbly well whether you shift yourself or leave it to its own devices.

And it behaves just as a Porsche should when you arrive at a challenging bend. Of course this is not a lightweight car, but the way it behaves when pressed is remarkable.

It responds accurately to the driver's demands, with good feedback through the steering, impressive balance and generally more composure than a car of this size should be capable of.

In many ways, this is the most convincing car that Porsche offers.

Not only does it deliver a generous slice of driving fun, it also brings comfort, practicality and even respectable economy into the equation.

It's still a Porsche, so it's no giveaway, but once on your driveway, you'd be hard pressed to find something as universally capable.

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## FROM THE AIR



Central Oswestry showing the Guild Hall and Market Hall on Bailey Head.



This picture of Llanymynech from the air shows the route of the canal through the border village.



SPORT

COBRA in new bid to stage big clash

COBRA will attempt to stage their big Swalec Bowl fourth round clash with high flying Denbigh at the second attempt on Saturday after the first meeting between the sides was wiped out by the wintry weather, writes John Bridgwater.

Heavy snowfall and freezing temperatures left club officials at the Meifod club with little choice but to call off last week's encounter.

It has now been rescheduled for this Saturday, weather permitting.

It means that another important game, against promotion rivals Llandudno in the Welsh League division two (north), scheduled for this Saturday, will be put back to a later date.

"We'll try and play our Swalec Bowl tie with Denbigh again this Saturday but, with the way the weather is at the moment, it's not looking too promising," said COBRA spokesman James Watkin.

**Showdown**  
"The weather forecast says it's still freezing up to Thursday and, with our pitch in a valley, it's three degrees colder than most other places, so we'll just have to wait and see what it brings.

"But the good thing is that we're well up with our fixtures, and can cope with the odd postponement."

With the Denbigh clash being rearranged, it means that COBRA's crunch home league showdown with close challengers Llandudno will now be played at a later date.

With the title seemingly beyond their grasp, the Meifod side's focus is on securing promotion courtesy of finishing runners-up. And they can take a big step to achieving that by seeing off Llandudno who, despite lying 11 points behind, have three games in hand.

"It's a bit disappointing as we would have liked to have played Llandudno this weekend as they haven't played for a few weeks themselves and are not in the best of form," added Watkin.

"The game won't now be played until later in the season, probably April, when they should be in better shape.

"But the good thing from our point of view is that they have a lot of games to fit in, which could be a problem for them."

**Anxious**  
As they warmed to their challenge last weekend, WELSHPOOL's trip to high flying Wrexham in the Welsh League division three (north) was another victim of the icy conditions.

In fact, all five games in the division succumbed to the cold weather so Pool will be anxious to get back on the pitch as they return to home soil for Saturday's clash with Flint at Maesdyre.

Lying sixth in the table, Welshpool are nine points adrift of leaders Wrexham, but just four points off second spot, although they have played more games than their rivals.

Flint lie two places below in eighth position.

Only one game survived in the whole of North Wales last week and that saw Colwyn Bay boost their hopes of survival in the Welsh League division two (north) with a home 35-13 win against Rhyl in a rearranged clash.



Pictured, from left, are Samantha Tierney from Barclays Bank, Paul Coope from Hope House, Judy Breeze from Marie Curie and Mile End vice-captain Ron Pugh

Mile End golf club hands over cash to two charities

AT their presentation evening held recently Mile End Golf Club vice-captain Ron Pugh presented cheques to representatives from Hope House Children's Hospices and Marie Curie Cancer Care.

It is traditionally the role of the club's vice-captain to co-ordinate fund raising activity.

Ron thanked Barclays Bank, the principal sponsor during the year, and the many local businesses and individuals who had contributed to the campaign.

A total of £7,580 was raised during the year and this was shared equally

between the two charities. Over 120 members and friends attended the presentation evening when more than 100 trophies were handed out to club members who had success in the competitions held by the club during 2012.

**Remind**  
Club captain for 2012 Stuart Russell thanked everyone who had helped to make the evening a success.

He also took the opportunity to remind everyone of the annual dinner dance which is to be held at the Wynnstay Hotel in Oswestry which will take place on Saturday, January 26.

New Saints start campaign to lift the Wales Futsal Cup

THE New Saints are among 25 clubs gunning for glory when this year's FA of Wales Futsal Cup gets underway next month.

Inaugural winners of the trophy back in 2011, the Saints - along with holders Cardiff City - will be one of the fancied sides in the competition.

As they look to lift the trophy again, TNS have received a bye which will mean that they do not have to take part in the qualifying round, which gets underway on Sunday, February 3, at Glyndwr University in Wrexham.

The qualifying round runs from 9am to 1pm.

From this, 12 sides will be looking to progress into the North Regional regional stages, four earning their ticket through the qualifying rounds while the other eight, including the Saints, automatically progress.

The NE Wales FA qualifying round includes four teams - Druids Sports Social Club, Glactilos, Glyndwr University and Plas Madoc - of which the top two will qualify, while two will progress from the NWCEFA qualifying round which includes three teams - Am-

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wch Town, Meliden Glan and Conwy. These clubs will join the Saints, Cefn Druids, Cunliffe Arms, Newtown, Saltney Town, Whitegates Dynamite, Wrexham Futsal and Wrexham Lager in the North Wales regional stages.

This phase of the competition will take place on Sunday, February 17 at Bangor University from 9am until 6pm. The 12 sides from the north will be split into three groups of four as they compete against each other for a place in the national finals.

The games will be two halves of 20 minute periods with a rolling clock, and the

top team in each group will qualify for the national finals which will comprise the three group winners from the northern regionals and the three group winners from the southern regionals.

The FAW Futsal Cup finals will take place on Sunday March, 24 at the House of Sport in Cardiff, with times to be confirmed.

The six teams taking part in the finals will be split into two groups of three and the top two of each group will progress into the semi-finals, the winners of which will compete in the final. The games will once again be two halves of 20 minute periods with a rolling clock.

"It is very pleasing that we have teams from all six Area Associations which makes it a truly national competition," commented FAW Head of Competitions Andrew Howard.

**Substitutions**  
The Welsh National Team Head Coach Richard Gunnell will be in attendance at most events, scouting for talent for the National Team, so there is lots to play for in the third FAW Futsal Cup.

Futsal is a popular popular small-sided version of football which played indoors between two teams of five players each, one of whom is the goalkeeper. Unlimited substitutions are permitted.

It is played with a smaller ball on a hard court surface delimited by lines. Walls or boards are not used.

Having won the inaugural FAW Futsal Cup in June 2011, a young team from the Saints made history when representing Wales in the UEFA Futsal event in Geneva later that year.

NOT surprisingly, both Morda United sides were left without action last Saturday with decisions to postpone both the first team's match away at Dawley Town and the reserve side's game at home to Meole Brace made prior to the day.

Weather permitting, on Saturday Craig Rogers's first team are again due to travel to the Telford area where they will face Oaken-



The New Saints team after winning the first FAW Futsal Cup back in 2011

Mixed bag for indoor cricketers

IT WAS a mixed bag for Oswestry in their North Shropshire Indoor Cricket League matches. They won their first match against Alberbury by 74 runs. Batting first Oswestry scored 158-1 with J Phillips hitting 43 not out, P Hayes 35, JDavies 26 and O Johnson 25. Alberbury could only manage 84-3 with M Jones scoring 28 and J Brookes 27.

It was a different story when Oswestry took on Knockin & Kinnerley. Batting first Knockin & Kinnerley scored 151-4 with G Darlington hitting 41, A Ruff-Cock 39 and T Wilkie 35.

In reply Oswestry could only manage 115 with J Davies top scoring with 47 and O Johnson weighing in with 36.

The results leaves Oswestry third from bottom with five points.

Coach happy as errors are less

NORTH Wales Crusaders head coach Clive Griffiths is pleased with the improvement that his side made at York after individual errors and poor decision making cost them at Swinton.

Griffiths' men ran out comfortable 38-16 winners against Championship opposition York City Knights in what was an impressive performance.

"We got rid of the mistakes against Swinton and we played some very good rugby league", Griffiths said.

"There were no points at stake but you do take heart when what you've been working on actually works."

"There were some great individual performances in there - Lewys Weaver took his opportunity with both hands, and Gary Middlehurst and Matt Reid both did well on their debuts. It

was a good exercise for us and we did a good job. There were some gaps at Swinton and the communication between the players wasn't always there, so we've been working on that problem."

Despite Crusaders' first win in their pre-season ahead of the new season Griffiths doesn't want to look in to this match too much.

The sessions will run for six weeks from Thursday, March 7, up to the start of the season, and will take place at Packwood Haugh School, Ruyton-XI-Towns (8-10pm). All welcome.

Meanwhile, the club hold a race night at Oswestry CC's clubhouse at Morda Road on Friday, March 15 (7 for 7.30 start), to help boost club funds.

For further details contact Keith Yapp on 07734-162518.

Tables

North Shropshire Indoor Cricket League

Whitchurch 85-4 (D. Weaver 37no), Wem 69-2 (P. Culbert 25), Whitchurch won by 19 runs.

Grasshoppers 79-2 (P. Elton 25no, G. Trow 22), Wem 79 (W. Higgins 24, C. Heath 2-10). Grasshoppers won by losing fewer wickets.

Grasshoppers 149-4 (G. Trow 53, C. Heath 25no, A. Johnson 22, Franklin 101-4, J. Pary 35no, I. Whittices 31no, C. Heath 2-25). Grasshoppers won by 48 runs.

Oswestry 158-1 (J. Phillips 43no, P. Hayes 35no, J. Davies 28no, O. Johnson 25no, Alberbury 84-3 (M. Jones 28no, J. Brookes 27no). Oswestry won by 74 runs.

Knockin & Kinnerley 151-4 (G. Darlington 41no, A. Ruff-Cock 39no, T. Wilkie 35), Oswestry 115 (J. Davies 47, O. Johnson 36, A. Ruff-Cock 2-20). Knockin & Kinnerley won by 36 runs.

Knockin & Kinnerley 105-5 (A. Ruff-Cock 35, J. Case 2-20, Marsh 2-30), Coum 1-6-41, I. Simmonds 33no, J. Case 29no, T. Wilkie 2-25). Coum won by 2 wickets.

Whitchurch 93-3 (D. Wright 27no), Norton-in-Hales 78 (A. Kenyon 33no, C. Wright 2-11). Whitchurch won by 15 runs.

Norton-in-Hales 128-2 (C. Ruscoe 26no, N. Bloor 25no, N. Reed 25no, C. Crowley 21no). Knockin & Kinnerley 79-4 (S. Gray 28no, A. Ruff-Cock 20, M. Rowley 2-3). Norton-in-Hales won by 49 runs.

	P	W	L	Pts
Grasshoppers	6	5	1	25
Norton In Hales	6	5	1	25
Shelton	4	4	0	20
Whitchurch	5	1	4	20
Knockin & Kinnerley	9	4	5	20
Coum	6	3	3	15
Wem	6	2	4	10
Oswestry	7	1	6	5
Frankton	5	1	4	5
Alberbury	6	1	5	5

Welshpool Dominoes League

DIVISION 1				
	P	W	L	F
Social Club A	16	13	3	79
Celts	16	11	5	73
Pinewood C	15	11	4	68
Compasses	16	9	7	61
Waterloo	16	9	7	60
Pinewood A	15	9	6	58
Sun Int	16	8	8	57
G/Dragon Butt B	15	7	8	51
Pinewood Dragons	16	10	48	64
Cock P/A	16	9	44	61
Bowling Club	16	5	11	41
G/Dragon Butt A	16	4	12	40
Powis Arms P/Q	16	4	12	36
DIVISION 2				
	P	W	L	F
Cock A	17	13	4	83
Railway	19	13	4	79
Westwood	17	10	7	66
Talbot	17	9	8	65
Westwood Wand	17	9	8	64
Kings Head	17	7	10	63
Angel	17	10	7	62
Munke Bunch	17	9	8	58
Grapes	17	10	7	62
Horseshoe	17	10	7	62
RAF Boys	17	6	11	52
The Real Railway	17	7	10	52
Breiden	17	6	11	51
Wellington	17	1	16	28

Stonehouse Brewery Oswestry & District Dominoes League

	P	W	L	F	Pts
Top White Lion	15	9	6	57	33
White Lion	14	7	2	55	29
Bel Oswestry	14	7	2	49	35
Black Lion B	15	8	4	51	39
Black Lion A	15	9	5	50	40
Cross Keys	15	5	3	50	47
Plas Yn Dinas	15	7	5	48	42
Station	15	4	4	47	43
Perrypoint Inn	15	5	5	46	44
Horseshoe	15	6	7	43	47
Railway Inn	15	4	5	42	48
Black Horse	15	3	6	37	53
Royal Hill	15	1	13	22	68
Top White Lion 2, Bell & Railway 3, Station 3, Cross Keys 5, Royal Hill 1, Black Lion A 5, Plas Yn Dinas 1, Horseshoe 1, Black Lion B 5, Black Horse 3, Perrypoint 3, White Lion Lynchys - bye.					

Shropshire Chess League

DIVISION 1					
	P	W	L	F	Pts
Teleport A	8	7	0	29	10
Newport A	8	7	0	27.125	14
Shinhal & Telford A	8	4	22.5	16.5	10
Shrewsbury A	7	3	2	10	18
Priorley Lions A	7	2	21.5	17.5	6
Church Stretton A	8	2	51.5	22.5	5
Shinhal & Telford B	8	1	7	13	27
Teleport B	8	7	6	33	2
DIVISION 2					
	P	W	L	F	Pts
Newport B	8	6	1	26	14
Wellington	8	7	0	25	10
Priorley Lions B	6	5	1	18	12
Ludlow A	8	3	4	18	22
Shrewsbury B	8	5	1	16.5	6
Teleport C	8	2	5	18	22
Priorley Lions C	8	2	6	14	26
Shinhal & Telford C	8	1	7	21.5	27.5
DIVISION 3					
	P	W	L	F	Pts
Oswestry A	8	6	0	23	14
Newport C	8	5	1	21	11
Wellington B	8	4	12	11.5	11
Shrewsbury C	8	4	21.5	13.5	10
Newport C	8	1	4	12	20
Oswestry B	8	1	5	12	20
Shinhal & Telford D	8	1	51.5	20.5	4
Teleport D	8	1	5	9.25	24

Team set for net sessions

CAE GLAS cricketers step out their preparations for the new Shropshire League campaign when they hold indoor net sessions in March.

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Llani A out of Hargrove

LLANYMYNECH A bowed out of the Hargrove Trophy as they found themselves well beaten 5-1 (12 holes) by Ludlow A.

Trailing 2-5-0.5 (six holes) from the first five, Llani had hoped to turn things around in the return leg on home soil but suffered a second loss by an identical margin.

Two of their matches were lost by five and one hole respectively, while James Hampson and Tom King were the only pair who managed a half, when sharing the spoils with Andrew Dixon and David Fish.

Ludlow now meet The Herefordshire A in the quarter-finals.



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## Floodlights on the way for United

WHILE a snowman was the only person visible on Morda United's pitch at the weekend, the future of the club looks bright with its planning application to install floodlights receiving approval from Shropshire Council.

Working with Musco Lighting Europe Limited, the club submitted their plans to install four 18 metre poles, each with four lighting assemblies.

Once erected, the lights will enable the local community to enjoy greater use of the facilities through early evening use in the darker months.

Having received the go ahead from the planners, club officials can now work on securing funding and are keen to hear from other local sports clubs who may be interested in using the lights.

They are also considering enclosing the ground, upgrading the existing stand and further improving the playing surface.

## Alison leads way home in tough race

ALISON Lavender led the way as Oswestry Olympians recorded individual and team success in the fourth Grand Prix Express North Wales Cross Country League at Lilleshall National Sports Centre.

Lavender, last year's overall champion, followed three second placings this season to win the ladies race and lead the Olympians to the ladies team victory.

She finished the muddy 5,600m course in 22.17 minutes, almost 40 seconds clear of her nearest rival Georgia Garner from Colwyn Bay, while Charlotte Jones, another Oswestry Olympian, was the next Shropshire finisher in ninth in 25.44.

● Full story and pictures in next week's Chronicle

## Busy time for players

AFTER suffering a white out, Oswestry's hockey players face a double header this weekend as they bid to push for a top four placing in the West Midlands League division two.

Last week's postponed encounter at title chasing Ludlow has been rearranged for this Sunday at Much Wenlock, while Oswestry also hit the road the day before when they visit Newtown.

## Ryan is O's overseas star

SOUTH African Ryan Fynn will be Oswestry's overseas player this season as the newly promoted Morda Road side gear up for life in the Birmingham Cricket League division two.

Fynn is older brother to all rounder Warwick Fynn who scored 996 runs for Oswestry last term, but is not regarded an overseas player as he is category three exempt.

The new arrival, from Port Elizabeth, is a medium pace bowler and useful batsman, while he has another string to his bow as he is also a highly qualified coach. He replaces fellow South African Clint Brockman who spent a season at the club last summer.

Oswestry are further boosted with pace-man Paul Robinson returning to duty after taking a two-year break from the game, while Whittington's highly rated teenage

batsman Scott Hale, the county under-15s opener, has also joined. Club captain Mike Robinson was delighted with the new additions, as the club look to maintain the momentum in the second division after gaining promotion as champions of division three last season.

"The two teams who came up from division three the previous year, Brewwood and Barnards Green, finished in the top two of the second division last season, so we're looking to follow in their footsteps and push on," he said.

"We're delighted with the players we've brought in. We know what Ryan can do, he fits the bill, while having Paul back playing again is like having a new signing, and Scott is a very exciting prospect." The club have started indoor nets on Sundays.

## Island test for the Eagles

OSWESTRY's rugby players will be hoping for improved fortunes on their travels to the Isle of Man when they fly out to lowly Ramsey in the South Lancs Cheshire Two on Saturday.

The Eagles have often struggled on their trips across the water where they have yet to taste success, but will be hopeful they can buck the trend against a Ramsey side who have tumbled in the lower half of the table this term.

After their latest clash against Oldershaw was postponed due to a snow covered pitch, Oswestry will be hopeful of returning to action this coming Saturday in the "warmer" climes of the Isle of Man.

In fact, the island witnessed the only game in the division last week as second placed Douglas boosted their promotion

claims with a 31-12 home success over Liverpool Collegiate.

Oswestry have already played once on the Isle of Man this season, when losing 29-5 at Vagabonds, so will be looking for a timely tonic after being well beaten 43-5 at promotion chasing Dukinfield in their last action two weeks ago.

Meanwhile, the Eagles' second string were also sidelined by the weather last week when their trip to Sanbach III succumbed to the icy conditions.

Next up on Saturday is a home encounter against fifth placed Hope Valley with the border side looking to build on their 19-0 home win over lowly Altrincham II in their last action – a victory that halted a run of three straight defeats.

## Guils fail in bids to land two new stars

GUILDSFIELD have drawn a blank in their bid to bolster their Cymru Alliance squad with two targets rejecting their overtures.

The villagers have put seven days on Shawbury's Callum Bromley who is pondering the switch, but Christian Webster (Berriew) and Ben Oakley (Four Crosses) have turned town approaches.

The main headache at the moment has been the fitness of keeper Dave Littleford who missed the recent 3-0 Llandudno win after suffering a knee injury.

Former Guils boss Mike Barton helped out at the last minute and will continue to stand in if Littleford is out short term.

However, boss Russell Cadwallader has made moves to bring in Penycuik keeper Ashley Roberts should a diagnosis show that Littleford, the club's first choice stopper, will be out for a lengthy spell.

Meanwhile, the Guils will be desperate for a piece of the action as they look to cement their top eight position in the Cymru Alliance in Saturday's home clash with Cefn Druids, weather permitting.

After a mixed start, the Guils have climbed up to eighth in the table. But hopes of maintaining that momentum were frustrated last Saturday as the derby trip to lowly Llanrhaeadr was postponed due to a snow covered pitch.

LLANRHAEDR, battling for league survival, have a score to settle when they host Caerswg on Saturday. The Bluebirds inflicted a 7-0 hammering over their rivals earlier in the season, so the home side will certainly be looking to give a better account.

## Win for A team

FOLLOWING their in-house derby, Oswestry A cemented their place at the top of the Shropshire Chess League division three with a 3-1 victory over the club's B team. Scores: Oswestry B 1, Oswestry A 3: S Tulett 0.5, G Ives 0.5; K Bacon 0, A Peile 1; A Evans 0.5, R Thomson 0.5; J Molyneux 0, J Davies 1.

# TNS AND RHYL SET FOR CUP CRACKER

IT'S THE battle of the high fliers when The New Saints renew rivalry with one of their fiercest foes, Rhyl, in Saturday's Welsh Cup fourth round clash at the Park Hall (3pm).

The tie brings together two of the former champions of the Welsh Premier and also past winners of the trophy, and will turn back the clock to the previous decade when the big rivals used to come face to face on a regular basis with no quarter asked or given.

by John Bridgwater

3pm kick off. "It's a big game and we're desperate to get it played," said TNS head coach Carl Darlington.

"There's snow on the pitch at the moment but, with the forecast predicting freezing temperatures, we'll leave it there to act as a thermal blanket.

### Illusions

"We'll leave the snow on it as long as possible, probably take it off Thursday or even Friday, and as long as we don't get any more snow, then we hope to get the game played."

Darlington is under no

illusions that the Saints will face a stern test against a Rhyl side who are yet to lose this season.

"Historically Rhyl are a big club, with a big fan base, and we welcome the chance to be playing them again," he said.

"These are the type of games you want to be having week in week out, and it's great to have a chance to play them again.

"They have not lost in 20 games, we know their manager Greg Strong well, so we know it's going to be a tough game for us.

"The TV cameras are there, and they'll be hoping for an upset, but we have prepared well by training on a 3G pitch at Wallasey this week."

With last week's Welsh Premier clash against Aberystwyth postponed, Darlington and director of football Craig Harrison took the chance to watch Rhyl in their 3-2 home win against Ruthin that kept them well clear at the top of the Cymru Alliance.

Before the weekend, the Saints are poised to land a new signing as they look to bolster their squad ahead of the run-in to the season.



The New Saints pitch at Park Hall covered in a deep blanket of snow

## Saints maintain lead at top

THE New Saints maintained their seven point lead at the top of the Welsh Premier despite their home fixture with Aberystwyth Town succumbing to the wintry weather.

After heavy snow the day before, it was decided to call off Saturday's clash on safety grounds with the Seasiders likely to face travelling difficulties en route to Oswestry's Park Hall.

However, second placed Prestatyn Town were unable to capitalise as they crashed 6-1 at home to Airbus UK, who themselves

have now leaped in second spot on goal difference, albeit still seven points adrift of TNS.

Ice and snow decimated the Welsh soccer programme with all games postponed in the Spar Mid Wales League while only one match survived in the Cymru Alliance, that seeing Rhyl win 3-2 against Ruthin Town to extend their lead to 14 points at the top. It was the same story with all matches postponed in the Mercian Regional League, with Oswestry Lions and Oswestry Boys Club among those frustrated.

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